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AUSTRALIA LOSE SIX MORE WICKETS

347 FOR EIGHT

WOODFULL MAKES A FINE CENTURY

"BOBS" FOR HAMMOND

When play opened at Melbourne to-day—the sixth of the third "Test"—Australia had made 118 for the loss of two wickets. Woodfull and Kippax were at bat, and there were 10,000 spectators there to watch the game on a fast wicket. By lunch-time Australia had taken the score to 168, losing two more wickets in the process.

Kippax was the first to go, after making 41. He fell to a fine ball from Tate which he played outside the crease but which broke in and nipped off his balls in double-quick time. Kippax took 94 minutes over his innings and got four four's, states Reuter.

Skipper Goes
The Australian skipper then came in to join Woodfull, but only lasted a little while, playing on off Geary for the score of five.

Four wickets were thus down for 143.

Don Bradman took Ryder's place at the wicket and at the interval had made nine against Woodfull's 90. The 150 went up after 198 minutes' play.

The only signs of the wicket wearing are that the ball occasionally turns, and more often keeps low.

Woodfull's Century

There were 20,000 spectators round the ground after the lunch interval to watch Woodfull reach 101 after 269 minutes' play, in the course of which he had two narrow escapes from playing-on.

The 200 went up after 269 minutes' cricket, and very shortly afterwards Woodfull was caught behind the stumps by Duckworth off Tate. Five wickets thus fell for 201 runs. Woodfull was at bat for 271 minutes and played a masterly innings, securing seven four's.

Oldfield then joined Bradman, but was clean bowled by White after making seven. Bradman got his 50 after 143 minutes' batting, and the side's 250 was registered after 339 minutes' play.

Two runs later the last arrival, A'Beckett, was sent back with six to his credit. He was completely beaten by a yorker from White.

At the tea interval the score stood at 252 for seven, of which total Bradman had made 60.

At close of play Australia had scored 347 for eight wickets.

For Hammond

In commemoration of Hammond's wonderful effort in scoring a double-century on the Melbourne ground—following his double-century at Sydney—the people of the city are subscribing to a "shilling fund" for his benefit.

Yesterday's Play

Hammond's magnificent double century, the collapse of the English "tail," and Australia's fine stand at the opening of her second innings were the features of yesterday's play. The tourists were dismissed for 417, just 20 more than Australia made in her first effort, and the home side went on to score 118 for the loss of two wickets.

Australia—1st Innings

W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate 107
V. Y. Richardson, c Duckworth, b White 12
A. F. Kippax, b Tate 41
J. S. Ryder, played on, b Geary 5
D. Bradman, not out 60
W. A. Oldfield, b White 7
E. L. A'Beckett, b White 6
Extras 9
(Total for 7 wks.) 252

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EXHIBITION OF DUTCH PAINTINGS, ETC.

IN LONDON

PICTURES BROUGHT FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

A DUTCH LUNCHEON

London, Yesterday.
820 paintings, drawings and objects d'art in silver and glass, constituting the greatest collection of Dutch art ever shown, was opened to-day for public exhibition at the Royal Academy.

The pictures were brought from the ends of the earth, including Rembrandts, each of which is worth a fortune, have been lent by H.M. King George, American Millionaires, British Peers and by the Great Dutch Galleries.

The exhibition will be opened for three months.

It has been arranged by the most distinguished connoisseurs in England and Holland, and will be inaugurated with a luncheon, at which the flood and drinks will be brought from Holland.—Reuter.

Mrs. Margaret Olive Johnson, aged 61, widow, of Rayleigh, Essex, and a member of the Salvation Army, was again remanded (last month) at Southend on charges of obtaining money by false pretences.

W. A. Oldfield, b Geary 3
E. L. A'Beckett, c Duckworth, b White 41
R. M. Oxenham, b Geary 15
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Geary 5
D. D. J. Blackie, not out 2
Extras 7

Total 397
Fall of wickets: 1 for 5 runs (Richardson), 2 for 15 (Woodfull), 3 for 57 (Hendry), 4 for 218 (Kippax), 5 for 282 (Ryder), 6 for 287 (Oldfield), 7 for 373 (Bradman), 8 for 383 (A'Beckett), 9 for 394 (Grimmett), 10 for 397 (Oxenham).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Larwood 0 M. R. W. 3
Tate 46 17 87 2
Geary 31 5 4 83 3
Hammond 8 4 19 1
White 67 30 64 1
Jardine 1 0 10 0

England—1st Innings

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b A'Beckett 20
H. Sutcliffe, b Blackie 58
W. R. Hammond, c A'Beckett, b Blackie 200
A. P. F. Chapman, b Blackie 24
E. Hendren, c A'Beckett, b Hendry 19
D. R. Jardine, c and b Blackie 62
H. Larwood, c and b Blackie 0
G. Geary, l.b.w., b Grimmett 1
G. Duckworth, b Blackie 3
M. Tate, c Kippax, b Grimmett 21
J. C. White, not out 8
Extras 1

Total 417
Fall of wickets: 1 for 28 runs (Hobbs), 2 for 161 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 201 (Chapman), 4 for 238 (Hendren), 5 for 304 (Hammond), 6 for 364 (Larwood), 7 for 381 (Geary), 8 for 385 (Jardine), 9 for 391 (Duckworth), 10 for 417 (Tate).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

A'Beckett 37 7 92 1
Hendry 20 8 35 1
Grimmett 55 14 114 2
Oxenham 35 11 67 0
Blackie 44 14 94 6
Ryder 4 0 14 0

Australia—2nd Innings

W. M. Woodfull, c Duckworth, b Tate 107
V. Y. Richardson, b Larwood 12
H. L. Hendry, at Duckworth, b White 12
A. F. Kippax, b Tate 41
J. S. Ryder, played on, b Geary 5
D. Bradman, not out 60
W. A. Oldfield, b White 7
E. L. A'Beckett, b White 6
Extras 9
(Total for 7 wks.) 252

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NATION GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

STRANGE SCENE

OLD AND YOUNG SUMMONED TO CLASS ROOM

NEW ALPHABET

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The remarkable spectacle was witnessed throughout Turkey yesterday of the whole nation going back to school, men, women, old and young having been pre-emptorily summoned to the classroom to learn the new Latin alphabet. Even greybeards shuffled along to revive youthful memories and women, nursing babies, came to learn the A. B. C.

The National Schools for general instruction in the new characters were opened with impressive ceremony, the speeches delivered referring to the benefit likely to follow the new revolution in letters.

It has been arranged to give a year's instruction in the reading and writing of the new alphabet to two-thirds of the population.—Reuter.

Reformer Dead

Angora, Yesterday.
Turkey has been plunged into mourning by the death from appendicitis of Nedjati Bey, Minister of Education, who was prominently identified with the adoption of the Latin Alphabet.—Reuter.

OH, ARE YOU!

COLONEL'S LADY AND GOVT. OFFICIAL

A WILD WOOD CASE

Lo Chuen, a gardener in the employ of Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., of No. 28, Lugard-road, The Peak, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 150 catties of green wild wood, which the prosecution alleged had been cut from the Government plantation at the back of the house.

The case for the Forestry Department was conducted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, who made his first appearance in Court in his capacity as an Assistant Crown Solicitor. The defendant pleaded that he had only cut down branches of wild trees which overhung his master's garden. He denied that he had gone into the plantation and cut the trees there.

100 Cut Down

Mr. Andrews told the Magistrate that during the past fortnight some 100 trees had been cut down in the plantation, and therefore forest guards were detailed to keep watch. Yesterday the defendant was seen by the guards cutting wood on the hill above his master's house, and later the guards, from points of vantage in the plantation, on the hillside, saw a quantity of green wood stacked on the roof of the servants' quarters of Col. Bird's house.

The guards reported their discovery at the Forestry Department office, and an official there obtained a warrant at the Central Magistracy to search the place. The search resulted in the 150 catties of green wood being found on the roof. This wood, Mr. Andrews said, would be identified by a person competent to do so as wood from the plantation.

Search Warrant

Evidence was given by Mr. J. R. Carr, a Supervisor of the Forestry Department. He said that as the result of information he received from the two guards in his office yesterday morning, he went to No. 28, Lugard-road. He walked some 120 feet past the front of the house and then proceeded some 60 or 80 feet up the hill at the back of the house. From here he looked down into Col. Bird's place and on the roof of the servants' quarters he saw a quantity of green wild wood spread out to dry. The witness then looked about the hillside, which was Government plantation, and discovered some 40 odd green stumps of wild trees, situated immediately above the house. All the stumps were fresh, and the stump farthest from the house, the witness calculated, was some 150 feet away.

Leaving the two guards to watch the place, the witness came to town and took out a search warrant at the Magistracy. He returned to the Peak at about 1.15 p.m., and went to the front entrance of Col. Bird's house where a servant answered the door. The witness asked

INDIA GOVERNMENT LOAN

\$10,000,000

THE MONEY LARGELY FOR RAILWAYS

UNDERWRITING IN LONDON

London, Yesterday.
The underwriting was arranged to-day for the new India Government loan of \$10,000,000 in 4½ per cent. 1958-68 stock.

The issue price will be 91 per cent.
The new issue constitutes the largest overseas loan for some time and, as the money raised is largely for railway purposes, it should be a help to the iron and steel industry in Great Britain.—British Wireless Service.

WHO FIRED?

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT KOWLOON

SMASH FOLLOWS REPORT

Mr. B. Wylie, President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, reported a somewhat mysterious occurrence to the police last night.

At about 7 o'clock, while some members were still at the club, a Mrs. Watson, living at the Kingsclere Hotel, was sitting in the ladies' room when she was suddenly startled by a report, which sounded like a cracker being fired. Almost simultane-

"CLEARING LATER"

N. E. winds, moderate, overcast at first, clearing later is the report till noon to-morrow. The typhoon is still shown to the N. E. of Japan. The anti-cyclone now appears as a belt of high pressure stretching from the Yangtze Valley to S. Manchuria. The monsoon will moderate.

taneously, some broken bits of glass fell into the room.

A detective was sent round to the club to investigate. He reported later that in a pane of glass in a window facing Cox-road, he found a small hole, which appeared to have been made by a revolver bullet of small calibre. From the floor the detective picked up pieces of glass, which had fallen from the broken window. A careful search was carried out in the room for the bullet, but it was not found.

Inquiries were afterwards made by the detective among other club members, servants and richa coolies and other Chinese outside the club, but no one saw anyone loitering in the vicinity of the Club, or heard the report which frightened Mrs. Watson and caused the damage to the window pane.

NIAGARA FALLS

NEW WORKS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

SCIENCE BEAUTY

Washington, Yesterday.
The State Department has announced that the American-Canadian Treaty has been signed for the construction of works at the Niagara River in the neighbourhood of the Falls, to maintain and improve the scenic beauty of the falls and the rapids.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. E. A. Winnington-Ingram has been promoted to be an officer of Class V of the Malayan Civil Service.

ed to see the master, but was informed that Col. Bird was not in, so the servant was asked to fetch the mistress.

When Mrs. Bird came, the witness showed the warrant to her and explained that he wanted to search the roof of the servants' quarters.

"Oh, are you!"
Mrs. Bird asked the witness if he was a policeman, and when he replied that he was from the Forestry Department, Mrs. Bird exclaimed: "Oh, are you!" and then told the witness that he could wait outside. She remarked that she had caught two of the witness' men looking into her room and said she would phone for the

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THE KING "SLOWLY PULLING THROUGH"

A TURN FOR BETTER

THE HOME SECRETARY'S IMPORTANT STATEMENT

CALCIUM'S GOOD EFFECTS

London, Yesterday.

A British Wireless telegram states:—

A reassuring statement about the King's condition was made by Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary, as he left Victoria Station to-day for the Riviera. He said: "I am glad to say the King has taken a turn for better. He is slowly pulling through. If the King had not been better I should certainly not have left London. I saw Lord Dawson late last night and he assured me that both he and his colleagues were satisfied now with the progress the King was making. Progress must of necessity be slow, but it is continued. I feel that the worst of the illness is over and that there is every reason to hope that slow but gradual improvement will take place."

Another fact which is regarded as reassuring is that His Majesty's doctors did not return to Buckingham Palace this afternoon, and it was understood that they would not visit the Palace again until this evening.

Good Specific

A medical authority explains that calcium, which is now being administered to the King, is a well proven specific in cases of thinness of the blood stream. It has a clotting effect on the blood and, therefore, prevents bleeding. It is very effective in cases in which tubercle is possible or suspected. The operation of injecting the substance is simple, being done by a glass syringe with a hollow needle. The skin is punctured above a vein and the contents of the syringe are sent into the blood stream.

The statement by the Home Secretary suggests that the calcium treatment is having the right effects.

The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 o'clock this evening:—"The King has passed a good day and there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition."

Signed Stanley Hewitt, Hugh M. Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

"Much About The Same"

Reuter states:—

The King had a fairly quiet night and his condition remains much about the same.

A CAR DRIVER

PUBLIC EXAMINATION IN BANKRUPTCY

"SIGNING FOR ANYTHING"

"You will spend all your life in bankruptcy if you do your business like that," the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) told Hau Pak-yan, alias Ah Hau, a motor-car driver employed by the Dragon Motor Car Co. since 1914, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz (Official Receiver) asked debtor, in the course of his public examination, whether he would have "signed for anything" because an Indian money-lender asked him to do so.

Debtor replied that he would. His Lordship asked if debtor was serious in giving the answer. Debtor said "Yes, because it is the Indian (moneylender's) rule to insist on more being signed for than actually changed hands."

Mr. Agassiz also questioned debtor on his borrowings from Indians and others in 1927. Debtor related how he had purchased an Austin car for \$1,200, a half-share in another car for \$250 (which he got back because it made no money), and also a Hudson car from his employers on the hire-purchase system—\$600 down and 12 monthly instalments of \$200 each.

When \$350 was outstanding on the Hudson car, debtor defaulted and the Dragon Co., he said, seized the car under the agreement between them.

Mr. Agassiz asked debtor if he thought his employers, after 14 years' service, had treated him harshly. Debtor's reply to this was that the company treated everybody alike.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.—The American Ambassador to France, Mr. Myron Herrick, is lying critically ill at his estate at Chagrin Falls. Oxygen is being administered to him.—Reuter's American Service.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL MOVING?

EYES ON HANKOW

REPORTED TO BE ADVANCING SOUTHWARD

GEN. LI TSUNG-JEN RUMOUR

A report has reached a reliable source, whence it is passed on for what it is worth with a remark that confirmation is lacking, to the effect that Feng Yu-hsiang (better known as the "Christian General") is advancing troops southward against Hankow. The report adds that General Li Tsung-jen, who has been in charge at Hankow, will not be allowed to return.

Feng Yu-hsiang holds the northern provinces of Honan, Shensi and Kansu and he has occupied most of Shantung.

Li Tsung-jen is, like Marshal Li Chai-sum, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi military group which is in authority in the southern provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Hunan and also Hupeh in central China.

Both the "Christian General" and Li Tsung-jen have gone to Nanking, the national capital, to attend the Disarmament Conference. Each commands a big army in the Nationalist organisation, that under the "Christian General" being known as the 2nd Army Group, and that under Li Tsung-jen being part of the 4th Army Group.

A clash between the "Christian General" and the Kwangsi military group (of whom another of the "big four," General Pei Chung-hsi, is in the north and, possibly, in a position to assail the "Christian General's" rear) would, to say the least, be a calamity for China.

In the opinion of the "China Mail" political correspondent, troops under the "Christian General" may be marching southward from Honan province towards or into Hupeh province (governed from Hankow). The move may be in accordance with agreement, or is directed by local commanders.

At present, it would be difficult to detain General Li Tsung-jen in Nanking, or anywhere else, with the object of wresting Hankow from the Kwangsi military group.

The Szechuan War

H.M.S. "Tern," a gunboat, has arrived at Chungking, on the Upper Yangtze River (along which Generals Yang Sen and Liu Hsiang have been waging war), escorting the British s.s. "Kingwa" (Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd.).

An escort was needed because shipping on the Upper Yangtze has been suspended on account of hostilities.

SMART LADS

CAPTURE BAG-SNATCHING THIEF

EUROPEAN LADY STARTLED

"The boys are to be highly commended for their prompt and courageous action. They have set an example which I hope will always be followed should occasion arise. They are a credit to their school."

This was the commendation Major C. Willson, O.B.E., gave to a number of students of St. Paul's College, Glenageary, who effected the arrest of a Chinese who snatched a handbag belonging to Mrs. E. M. Hazeland.

The rascal, Lee Lam (38) was charged before the Magistrate with the theft of the handbag which contained \$200 in money, a cheque and other articles, valued together at \$272.

According to evidence, the snatching occurred at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, whilst Mrs. Hazeland was walking down Glenageary in the company of Mrs. Millet. The thief approached the ladies from behind, and then, after snatching Mrs. Hazeland's handbag, dashed off in front of the startled ladies.

With great presence of mind, Mrs. Hazeland and her friend ran after the thief, calling for assistance as they went. The cries of the ladies attracted the attention of some 30 Chinese schoolboys in the play ground of St. Paul's College. They all rushed out and took up the chase for the ladies, eventually capturing the accused after a brisk run.

When searched after his arrest, Mrs. Hazeland's handbag, with its contents intact, was found concealed on prisoner's person.

The Magistrate passed sentence of six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch, and then commended the schoolboys, who were not present in Court.

LENGTH OF WOMEN'S SKIRTS

JUDGE'S REMARKS

LADY PASSENGER SUES M.M. CO. FOR DAMAGES

LAUNCH AWNING ON FIRE

"I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago," Mr. Justice Jackson (Puisne Judge) observed in the Summary Court this morning. His Lordship asked if fashions had not changed considerably and added that he is not an authority on the length of skirts.

Mr. J. T. Prior, who also denied being an expert, said that he remembered many years ago when predictions were made that they were bound to increase in length. They had not done so, he added. His Lordship said that they have become shorter.

Mr. Prior was for Miss Georgia Gale, whose address was given as at St. Francis Hotel, Hong Kong, and who unsuccessfully sued the Cie des Messageries Maritimes, Queen's-building, for \$200 damages alleged to have been suffered by her through her clothing being set alight on defendants' launch, by negligence of defendants' servants.

Over Miss Gale's Head

Mr. Prior produced evidence given by the plaintiff taken de bene esse. Plaintiff was not in Court.

Miss Gale arrived by the s.s. "Paul Leca" belonging to defendant, he said, on Oct. 22, 1928, when the ship anchored in mid-stream. Plaintiff, together with others, boarded a steam launch which took them ashore. When the launch was about half-way between the liner and the shore, for some reason which could only be guessed at, the awning caught fire. The outbreak occurred, unfortunately, over Miss Gale's head. A burning piece of stuff fell on Miss Gale who was wearing a tailored cloth coat, waistcoat and skirt, and scorched the shoulder of the coat. Although the damage was very slight it was sufficient to ruin the coat. The skirt and waistcoat were not damaged.

What exactly happened when the fire broke out, it was difficult to say; the first thing that Miss Gale knew was that she was seized by the coxswain, who pulled her out of the way. The fire was soon put out.

Measure of Damage

Mr. Prior referred to the cross-examination by Mr. H. C. Macnamara (for the defence) when Miss Gale's evidence was taken. Miss Gale admitted she thought the fire to have been caused by a spark from the funnel of the launch. It was also put to plaintiff that the fire might just as well have been caused by a cigarette or cigar-end being thrown on to the awning by some careless person on the "Paul Leca" when the launch was lying alongside.

In dealing with the measure of damage, Mr. Prior said it was true that the clothes were 18 months old but they were expected to last a long time as they had been tailored by one of the best ladies' tailors in London. Miss Gale was attired in clothes of a similar cut but of different colour, made by the same tailor, when she gave her evidence. She then looked very smart, but those clothes were eight years old!

Is It Short?

His Lordship:—Haven't fashions changed considerably of late? I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago?

Mr. Prior:—She would in those tailor-made clothes.

His Lordship:—I am not an authority?—Neither am I.

His Lordship:—Is it a short skirt?

Mr. Prior replied that he had not measured it. His Lordship remarked that in a few years' time ladies would probably be wearing their skirts down to their ankles again, in which case the skirt, if short, would be of no use at all.

Mr. Prior asked his Lordship to wait and see. "Many years ago I can remember when skirts first got as short as they are now when it was said that they were bound to increase in length, but they had not done so."

His Lordship:—They have become shorter.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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HAYAMA MARUMonday, 7th January.
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KASABA MARUMonday, 7th January.
HAYAMA MARUMonday, 7th January.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
+ HOKAN MARUSunday, 6th January Noon.
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SECTION.

TEES AS A PORT

MIDDLESBROUGH'S DOCK
ACCOMMODATION

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Sir Hugh Bell, returning thanks in mail week for his re-election as chairman of Tees Conservancy Commission, referred to the fact that they had made endeavours, which circumstances frustrated, to secure further and better dock accommodation at Middlesbrough.

It might be, he said, that before long they would have to take into consideration whether it was not their duty to provide facilities of the kind if Middlesbrough was to continue to keep the position it had gained. The River Tees was one of the best ports in the world, and they must have as good a port as the circumstances of their trade required.

Reviewing the work of the Commissioners, Sir Hugh said he had seriously considered resigning when he had served 50 years on the Commission, but he reluctantly came to the conclusion that he induced the Commissioners to embark upon an important scheme for the improvement of the river, and he felt it would not be fair to his colleagues if he did not endeavour, so far as he was able, to see the scheme set fairly on its legs.

They were going to be involved in a large expenditure if they followed the lines which they had practically laid down, but which circumstances might compel them to modify considerably. But there were limits which they might find desirable to remove and involving still further expenditure.

Larger Expenditure
"You will be false to your traditions, as you will, I think, be false to your duties, if you do not give urgent consideration to and show the greatest readiness to adopt, any conclusions which may come from that consideration which involves yet larger expenditure."

"For instance, you made arrangements whereby the Tees could become a coal shipping port, but the improvement went no further for reasons which, at the time, to me seemed sufficient. Then you made endeavours, which circumstances frustrated, to secure further and better dock accommodation. It may well be that before very long you are bound to take into your consideration whether it is not your duty to provide facilities of the kind which I have indicated for Middlesbrough."

"If Middlesbrough is to continue to keep the position of England's River Tees must be one of the best ports in the world. I won't say the best port in the world—tops and bottoms were made for fools they say—but it must be as good a port as the circumstances of our trade required, and if we are to fulfil this condition it will be because the circumstances of that trade have altered very greatly in my lifetime and in others, and will alter still further."

CEYLON HARBOUR

NEW SERVICE TUG
LAUNCHED.

There was launched on November 17, from the yard of Messrs. Phillip and Son, Ltd., Dartmouth, a twin-screw salvage tug, built to the order of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, under the supervision and to the designs and specifications of Messrs. Flannery, Baggallay and Johnson, London, Liverpool and Rotterdam. The principal dimensions are—Length B.P. 150ft., breadth moulded 37ft., and depth moulded 18ft.

This vessel is intended for harbour service in addition to deep sea towing, salvage and general service in Colombo Harbour, and is fitted with up-to-date appliances for this particular service. Electric light is fitted throughout, of the most up-to-date design. The propelling machinery, which has been constructed by the builders of the tug, is of the twin-screw triple-expansion surface condensing type, capable of developing not less than 2,000 H.P.

The engine room is complete with modern auxiliaries including Weir's feed pumps, separate centrifugal pumps, Weir independent air pump and general service pumps, all fitted with gunmetal water ends. Propellers are of bronze, with cast steel bosses. All material used in construction of the machinery is in accordance with first-class requirements throughout. The navigating bridge is arranged above the houses on bridge deck, and extends to sides of vessel and well forward, with gangway extension above windlass for the pump monitor. Steam and hand windlass of ample power are provided.

IN NORWAY

HIGH WORKING EXPENSES
AND TAXES

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The report has now been issued by the committee appointed early last February by the Norwegian Department of Commerce to investigate the causes of the steadily increasing laying-up of ships which was taking place at that time and to inquire as to whether anything could be done by the Government to counteract these conditions. In order to ascertain the causes the committee, whose report is unanimous, made a comparison between the working expenses of Norwegian ships and those of foreign competitors.

The report points out that it was specially the smaller Norwegian tramp ships which were laid up in large numbers, and in this connection the committee examined the conditions affecting the crews, wages, working time, boarding, insurance, taxes, and other imposts. The conclusion reached by the committee is that Norwegian ships all round have greater working expenses and the shipping companies are more severely taxed than ships and companies in countries which in particular are rivals on the sea. Thus in a falling freight market the time when the receipts do not cover the working expenses will arrive earlier for Norwegian than for foreign ships.

Besides this primary cause of the larger extent of laying-up in Norway than in other countries, the other reasons adduced by the committee are to be found in later years' development of route shipping to the detriment of tramps, the expansion of merchant fleets in other countries, amalgamations of shipping undertakings in other countries as compared with individual ownership in Norway or the possession of a few ships by one undertaking, the difficulties caused through the situation of foreign exchange, &c. If the conditions have been difficult in recent years it is feared that they will not improve in the future for the Norwegian smaller ships.

Suggested Alterations
As a result of the investigation it is recommended that the State should endeavour to find a form for the manning scale's adaptation to the type of ship and the route in which it is engaged; that the law as to the working shift should be made more elastic by being altered in the direction of the Swedish law on the question; that alterations should be made in the rules as to taxation so that the Norwegians are not placed in a more unfavourable position than their competitors; that the State should relieve the other imposts on shipping, &c. As the facilities suggested by the committee would not involve the State in material sacrifices the committee expresses the hope that the State will find occasion to carry them out as soon as possible.

Concerning the part which should be taken by shipowners, the latter would be able to reduce the expenses incurred for boarding the crews and those incidental to insurance. In the latter respect it is suggested that owners should adopt to a larger extent the foreign practice of writing their insurances on the franchise basis for particular average. It is submitted that this would gradually bring about falling premiums, as it would increase the conscious responsibility among all concerned.

NEW STEAMERS

CANADIAN PACIFIC COASTAL
SERVICE

Captain Cyril Neroutsos, the newly-appointed manager of the Canadian Pacific, British Columbia coastal service, has arrived in Glasgow in connection with the taking over of the "Princess Norah," built by Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, and also with the view of placing contracts for the construction of two large passenger steamers to augment the company's British Columbia service.

The proposed new vessels are designed to cope with the increasing traffic between the city of Vancouver on the mainland and Victoria on Vancouver Island.

The vessels will each be 351 feet in length, 52 feet in beam, and 19 feet in depth, and they are to be on service early in 1930. The two day's steaming trial of the "Princess Norah," which is intended for the Canadian Pacific Company's British Columbia coastal service, had just been completed over the Clyde measured mile, the vessel having easily maintained her contract speed of 16 knots, and proving in every way satisfactory.

LOCAL SHIPPING

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES

Chinkiang (1,929) British, from Canton—B. & S.

New Mathilda (842) British, from Haiphong, Hoihow—Yik Tai:—79 passengers, 1,480 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Santha (4,841) British, from Rangoon, Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie:—1,104 passengers, 816 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,309 tons (through).

Theseus (6,731) British, from Swansea, Singapore—B. & S.:—1,105 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 32 tons (through) 12 passengers.

Gulyang (1,594) British, from Shanghai, Swatow—B. & S.:—310 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 590 tons (through), 65 passengers.

Talkoo (133) British, from sea. D'Aragnan (9,608) French, from Marseilles, Saigon—Mr. Losdo:—117 passengers, 192 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,879 tons (through).

Zosma (5,335) Dutch, from Kobe, Shanghai—J. C. J. L.:—4 passengers, 1 case ginseng for Hong Kong, 6,241 tons general cargo (through).

Cremor (2,784) Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow—J. C. J. L.:—1,001 passengers, 7 packages general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,560 tons (through).

Tjikembang (5,028) Dutch, from Soerabaya, Batavia—J. C. J. L.:—508 passengers, 3,951 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 438 tons (through).

Haruyasan Maru (1,867) Japanese, from Dairen—M. B. K.:—1,876 tons coal, 500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,520 tons (through).

Shunko Maru (5,027) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji—O. S. K.:—592 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,760 tons (through).

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing:—20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Munkok—Tijsondari.
For Manila—Tjikini, Zosma.
For Shanmei—Lee Cheung.
For Singapore—Tacoma Maru.
For Canton—Sui Yang, Kathie, Chennan, Raymond Poincare, Hang Sang.

For K. C. Wan—Chikhom.
For Shanghai—D'Aragnan, Hupeh, City of Madras.
For Saigon—Golden Sun.
For Antow—Tak Hing.
For Haiphong—Francis Garnier.
For Hoihow—Dorry.
For Koromiko—Hongay.

Clearances

For Amoy—Chusan.
For Swatow—Hong Peng.
For K. C. Wan—Tai Poo Sek.
For Saigon—Wong Shek Kung, Darcoila.
For Hoihow—Kwei Yang.
For Singapore—Cremor.

Arrivals	Departures
British	6
Japanese	2
Chinese	1
Dutch	3
French	1
German	0
American	2
	18
	20

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 7
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27

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MOREA	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
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TAKLIWA	7,930	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	14th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PADUA	5,907	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,930	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,949	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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MACEDONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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An important development in road and rail transport also took place in Sheffield yesterday when joint bus services, operated by the Corporation and by the London and North Eastern and the London, Midland and Scottish Railways were inaugurated.—Reuter's American Service.

M. POINCARE

NOT BEING PERMITTED TO
RESIGN

Paris, Jan. 1.
It is revealed that M. Poincare, the Premier, has announced his intention of resigning, but, on pressure being exerted on him, he decided to remain at the post.

It was at a meeting of the Council of Ministers that M. Poincare declared that as the Budget had been voted and the stabilisation of the franc secured, he considered that his task had been achieved. He therefore intended to resign.

In a discussion which followed, however, the Ministers unanimously expressed the view that, despite the importance of the results reached, a considerable task, both internal and external, remained, and M. Poincare's presence in the Cabinet was indispensable in dealing with it.

Thereupon, M. Poincare withdrew his proposed resignation.—Reuter.

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BACK IN A MONTH

MARSHAL LI TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE

CANTON SUBSTITUTES

Confirming the report in the "China Mail" that he is to attend the Disbandment Conference, Marshal Li Chai-sum, prior to sailing on the "d'Artagnan" for Shanghai, declared that he will probably return to Canton in about a month.

Captain A. J. L. Whyte (Aide-de-Camp to H. B. the Officer Administering the Government) met Marshal Li on the latter's arrival yesterday afternoon by special train at Kowloon. Mr. Kong Shu-lul (Chinese) Telegraphs Administration, Hong Kong) also greeted Marshal Li.

Mr. Tang Ka-yin (private secretary) is accompanying Marshal Li to Nanking.

General Chan Ming-shu (Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government) will act as chairman of the Canton Branch of the Political Council and General Tang Saitang will be in charge of the military administration in Canton, during Marshal Li's absence.

DOMESTIC PETS

GET THEIR OWNERS INTO
TROUBLE

LADIES BEFORE THE COURT

Two European ladies were, this morning at the Kowloon Court, summoned separately before Mr. E. W. Hamilton for offences regarding their domestic pets.

Mrs. Cole, of No. 3 Minden Avenue, Kowloon, pleaded guilty to allowing her dog abroad without a muzzle. A fine of \$5 was imposed. The second lady, Mrs. Armytage, of No. 5 King's Park Building, pleaded not guilty to a similar offence. After evidence she was dismissed with a caution.

Sergt. Cordeux prosecuted in both cases.

ARMS CASE

"AN ARSENAL" AMONG
LUGGAGE

An arms case, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in which a passenger of the s.s. "President Taft" is charged with unlawful possession was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Thursday next.

Defendant, Lui Wah (69) was arrested on the vessel as she was being berthed along side the No. 1 wharf of the Kowloon Godown, on Dec. 31.

In his luggage was found two pistols, one revolver, seven magazines and 800 rounds of ammunition.

Sub-Inspector Dorling, of the Water Police, is prosecuting on behalf of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the magistrate, intimated that the case would be heard before two magistrates, adding that Major C. Willson, O.B.E., would sit with him on the bench.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kyber" from Hong Kong arrived London on Jan. 1 at 11 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Raimala" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 27 at 8 a.m., and is due here tomorrow at about 8 a.m.

GHANDISM

EMERGES WITH FLYING
COLOURS

Calcutta, Jan. 2.
Ghandism emerged with flying colours from the National Congress, which unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Ghandi, laying down a comprehensive programme of mass organisation for the removal of untouchability, prohibition of liquor, a boycott of foreign cloth, and the stimulation of the production of homespun.

The Nationalist leader remarked that if his programme was pursued with iron determination, Swaraj would be within their grasp within the year.

The Congress for the first time decided to interfere in the internal affairs of the Indian States, passing a resolution demanding the Princes shall introduce responsible government within their States.—Reuter.

SHAFORCE STRENGTH

London, Yesterday.
It has been decided to reduce the Shanghai Defence Force to a strength of one infantry brigade of four battalions with ancillary troops.

The 1st Batt. the South Wales Borderers, therefore, will not proceed from Egypt to China as arranged in the schedule of relief.—Reuter.

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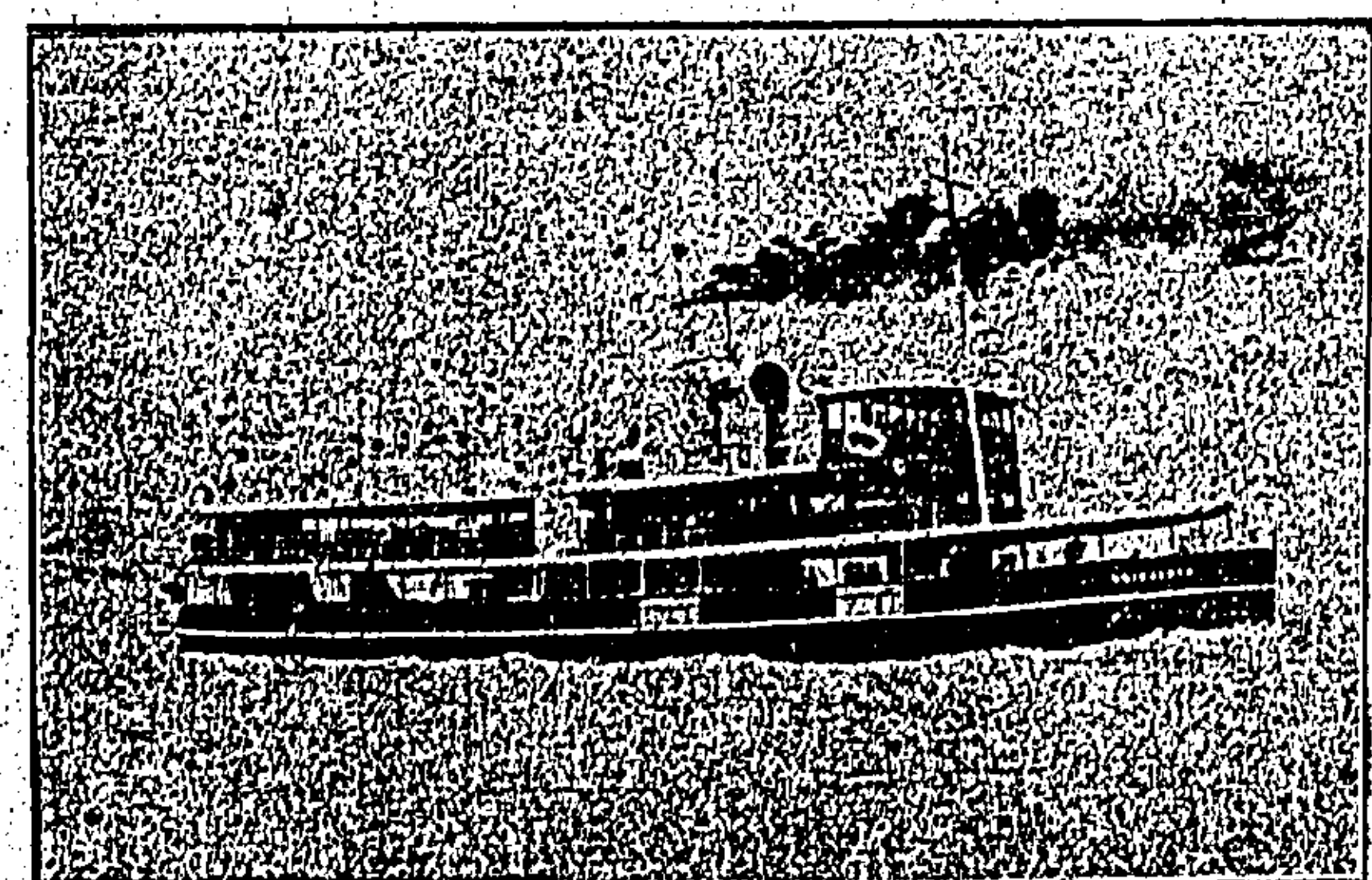
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ANDERSON.-On December 25,
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Mrs. D. Anderson, a daughter.

CROUCH.-On December 25, 1928,
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hai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A.
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Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
C. L. Mathew, a son.

MERRITT.-On December 17, 1928,
at the International Hospital,
Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. F. N.
Merritt, a daughter.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Jan. 3, 1929.

A REMARKABLE DAY

It is a coincidence as rare as it
is interesting that the most ex-
citing period in the history of the
present series of "Test" matches
in Australia should come in the
very middle of the tour. The
first and second matches, now
that we look back upon them,
hold little of our attention; all we
remember is that England won
rather easily on both occasions.
But in the third "Test," now be-
ing contested at Melbourne, the
situation has become intriguing.
Yesterday, after both sides had
completed an innings (which
meant that two and a half
matches of the five to be played

had been disposed of) England
were but twenty runs ahead of
our cousins from "down under."

The fact in itself was sufficient to
raise the present struggle above
the previous two in the eyes of all
who love the game of cricket; but
when Australia, in the last hour
of play, "set about" the English
bowling and managed to secure
one hundred and eighteen runs
for the loss of two of their
wickets, the question of the ulti-
mate winner and very likely the
question as to the disposal of the
"Ashes" became a most open one.
Australia, at start of play this
morning, were 98 runs ahead
with eight wickets of the second
innings in hand. At this stage
the game was anybody's.

The progress of the match yester-
day marked a red-letter day in
the history of "Test" cricket.
Walter Hammond, of Gloucester-
shire, did something which has
not been done before; his double-
centuries in successive games, as
a record, are likely to stand for a
long time. Other things,
although overshadowed by the
performance of the young Eng-
lishman, happened. The Mel-
bourne wicket, for instance,
maintained its reputation of be-
ing one of the finest in the world
so long as it remains dry. It is
made of soil from the Merri
Merri Creek, black of colour, and
when well-dressed and dry has the
appearance of polished ebony.
The fears entertained yesterday
afternoon that it was breaking,
occasioned by the suprisingly
quick dismissal of the last four
English batsmen, were not,
happily, realised, for the Aus-
tralians were able to knock up over
a hundred in what may be termed
"no time."

This sudden exit of the rest of
the visiting side, just referred to,
also constituted one of the fea-
tures of a remarkable day. The
Australians' fuller knowledge of
the ways of the wicket may have
had something to do with it, but
Hammond, Jardine and Sutcliffe,
it must be remembered, were able
to master the bowling for reason-
ably long periods. Our own sur-
mise inclines to a deep apprecia-
tion of the slow leg breaks of
D. D. J. Blackie, who took six of
the wickets during the innings,
catching two batsmen off his own
trundling. The three top-scorers
in the English side, it is observed,
fell to the Victorian, and his is the
kind of bowling, it seems, which
simply shouts to be knocked in
the air. He is, of course, per-
forming on his own hidden,
which is helpful, but this factor
may not have played an important

part in his success. In any case,
Blackie's noteworthy execution
with the ball was certainly an-
other of the features of yester-
day's outstanding cricket. May
to-day—and the next day—bring
us further sensations!

Secret of Longevity

Reuter's telegram in yester-
day's "China Mail," referring to
M. Emile Loubet, must have come
as a big surprise to many of our
readers as, we must admit, it
came to us. There was a time—
1899-1906—when M. Loubet, as
President of France, was, of
course, a very well-known figure
in European politics; but that
time, especially with the War
intervening, is a long way off. It
appears, however, that this once
distinguished Frenchman is still
to the fore, and in the telegram
to which reference has been made,
it is stated that he has been cele-
brating his 90th birthday. It is
very unusual that one who, as M.
Loubet must have done, has passed
through much political tur-
moil, should live to such an
advanced age, and it is even
more unusual that he should then
be so lively as M. Loubet appears
to be. The veteran ex-President
is evidently a humorist, judging
by the remarks he made regard-
ing his formula for longevity. He
places first "a clear conscience
and a good appetite," and per-
haps he may have said that if one
has the one, one must also have
the other. He is no admirer of
prohibition, as he advocates a
"moderate indulgence in spirits."
The next item of the formula is
the best and it is one that will
find a ready and universal re-
sponse. M. Loubet says that if we
would live long we should never
use the telephone. "Too true," for
who could live long or wish to live
long if tortured telephonically?
Also, says this vivacious old
Frenchman, "dabble sparingly in
politics," advice which from one
who must have devoted years to
legislative harangues, is good.
We are inclined to think that M.
Loubet has not attained to his
ripe old age without acquiring the
gentle art of talking "with his
tongue in his cheek."

Men's hearts ought not to be
set against one another, but set
with one another, and all against
the evil thing only. — Thomas
Carlyle.

The forthcoming marriage is
announced of Mr. A. E. Coates,
of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.,
and Miss G. H. Maher (de Souza),
of N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd.

The hour of commencement
of the Local Composers' Concert
to be given at the Helena May
Institute on January 15 has been
altered to 9.15 p.m. instead of
5.15 p.m.

A member of the staff of the
Health Office, at the invitation
of the Peak Residents' Associa-
tion, is making a house-to-house
visit for the purpose of vaccinat-
ing all those so desirous.

At 10.15 last night, the junk
"San Yee Hing" ran into the
Canton steamer "Sai On" outside
the Kap-sui-mun pass. Very
little damage was done. The
wives and families of the junk-
men boarded the steamer in case
any more trouble happened to the
junk. They were landed in
Hong Kong.

One of the two young Chinese
blacksmiths, arrested by the
police in connection with the
murder in Kennedy-road, on February
22, 1928, of Fung Man-chui, a
student of St. George's School,
was discharged by Major C. Will-
son, O.B.E., yesterday. The police
withdrew the charge against the
accused, Kam Lam-kwai, on the
ground that the evidence against
him was insufficient. The other
man is under remand until Mon-
day next.

LACK OF CLERGY.

Newcastle.—Earl Grey, who is
chairman of the Church of Eng-
land Board of Finance, said
that unless the decline in
clergy could be arrested they
would soon be unable to provide
an incumbent for every parish.

There were 14,000 parishes in
the country, and little over 15,000
clergy. Before the war there
were 21,000 clergy. The burden
was falling on districts that most
needed help. He did not believe
that lack of unity was responsible
for that position. There were
many men admirably equipped for
the vocation who were anxious to
come forward, but found it im-
possible to raise the necessary
funds.

OPENING DAY

AGRICULTURAL SHOW
PROGRAMME

H.E. TO BE PRESENT

The Committee has issued the
programme for the opening day
of the Agricultural Show, which
will take place on Saturday, at 3
p.m. The Show will be continued
on the following day.

Judging will commence at 10.30
a.m. on the first day and is ex-
pected to be concluded by noon
when the grounds will be open to
the public.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn,
C.M.G., who will perform the
opening ceremony, and be accom-
panied by Mrs. Southorn, Capt.
A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., and Mr.
W. R. Scott, private secretary,
will arrive at the exhibition
ground at 2.50 p.m. His Excel-
lency and party will be received
at the entrance by the Chairman
of the committee, the Rev. H. R.
Wells, O.B.E., Sir Robert and
Lady Ho Tung, Major H. B. L.
Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kai-
cheuk and others representing the
reception committee.

Village Elders
The members of the general
committee, among whom there
are a large number of the village
elders from every district in the
New Territories, will then be in-
troduced to His Excellency. Fol-
lowing the introduction, His Ex-
cellency will be conducted to a
platform in front of the exhibi-
tion building. The formal part
of the proceedings will commence
with a speech by Sir Robert Ho
Tung, to which His Excellency
will reply.

There will be a distribution of
special prizes and certificates of
honour to all who will participate
in the Show.

The Hon. Mr. Southorn and
Mrs. Southorn will then be con-
ducted over the grounds for in-
spection of the exhibits which
will be staged according to the
classification in the respective
sheds, of which there are eight.
Tea and refreshments will be
served on the grounds through-
out the afternoon by the manage-
ment of the Castle Peak Restau-
rant at moderate prices.

Special Fares
As will be seen from the adver-
tisement columns, the Railway
management has made a substan-
tial reduction on the ordinary
fares for the return journey to
and from Sheung Shui. Visitors
travelling by the 12.10 or the 1.15
p.m. train from Kowloon will ar-
rive at Sheung Shui in time for
the opening ceremony. Return
trains will leave Sheung Shui halt
at 4.46 p.m. and 5.55 p.m. for
Kowloon, the latter is the last
train. Sailors and soldiers in uni-
form and school children will be
admitted to the Exhibition free.

Exhibitors and Exhibitors

The following list gives the
numbers of exhibits and exhibi-
tors from each district:-

Places	Exhibits	Exhibitors
Sha Tin	574	76
Lum Chuen		
Tai Po	82	15
Sha Tow Kok	126	18
Farling, Sheung, shui	1,267	135
Sun Tin		
Kam Tin		
Pat Heung	743	87
Sun Pat Heung		
Ping Shan		
Mong Chang	1,389	149
Tuen Moon	468	56
Cheun Wan	126	17
Kowloon and Yaumati	283	44
	5,058	586

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U.S. DUTIES

New York.—An official appraisal
of the estate of the late Mr.
Payne Whitney, filed recently for
taxation purposes, shows that the
American sportsman died worth
\$28,865,702.

The Federal taxes on this will
amount to more than \$4,000,000.
By Mr. Whitney's will charities,
libraries, and institutions of
learning benefit to the extent of
\$9,000,000. His widow receives a
life income from \$11,000,000, be-
sides a realty valued at \$600,000,
jewellery and racehorses valued
at \$183,000.

Mr. Whitney bequeathed
\$100,000 to his friend Mr. Finley
Peter Dunne, a well-known
American humorist who created
the character of "Mr. Dooley."

In England the death duties
on Mr. Whitney's estate at the
maximum of 40 per cent. would
have been \$15,500,000.

"Hallo, old fellow, and how do
you like your new job?" asked
Tony, meeting his friend in the
street.

"Simply topping!" was the re-
ply. "I am practically my own
master! I can get to the office at
what time I like before nine, and
leave off any time after six."

COLONY'S HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK

SMALL-POX DEATHS

In last week's return of notifiable
disease in the Colony, according
to reports to the Medical Officer of
Health, there were 73 cases of
small-pox with 38 deaths during
the week. Three of the victims
were British and one Japanese,
the remaining 69 being Chinese,
one of them being imported.

From the following table, we
can see that there were no fewer
than 415 cases of small-pox re-
ported and 153 of the victims
have died. The weekly return is
as follows:-

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38

415 153

Small-pox: 22 cases from the
city, 51 from Kowloon—total 73,
38 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the
city, 3 from Kowloon—total 4 (1
British, 1 Eurasian, 2 Chinese).
Enteric fever (typhoid): 1
from the city, 1 from Kowloon—
total 2, (1 imported), 3 deaths
during the week.

European Victim.

The present outbreak of small-
pox in the Colony has claimed its
second European victim in less
than a week.

Mr. Alfred E. Brown, draughtsman of Messrs. W. S.
Bailey and Co., Ltd., engineers
and shipbuilders of Kowloon, is
the latest victim. His death took
place at the Kennedy Town Isola-
tion Hospital yesterday.

Only 26 years of age at the time
of his death, Mr. Brown, whose
home is at Wellington Quay, New-
castle-on-Tyne, had been in the
Colony for only about two months,
arriving here on the P. & O. s.s.
"Malwa." Much sympathy will
be felt for his parents at Home.

The late Mr. Brown was taken
ill just before Christmas and ad-
mitted to hospital, where later
small-pox symptoms developed.
He was then transferred to the
Isolation Hospital, where he died.

In spite of his short residence
in the Colony, Mr. Brown who had
shown himself adaptable to the
life of the Colony, made the ac-
quaintance of a number of people
with whom he rapidly became
popular. His death after such a
brief association with Hong Kong
is keenly felt by his friends and
colleagues.

The funeral will pass the Monu-
ment at 5 p.m. to-day.

Failing to Notify

The tenant of No. 10, Hong
Loo-shan, was summoned at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
for "that he unlawfully did,
knowing or having reason to be-
lieve that one Chan Lau was suf-
fering from small-pox, fail to
notify the same to the Medical
Officer of Health or the officer in
charge of the nearest Police Sta-
tion."

The Court was informed by a
maid servant that the defendant
had gone to Canton.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton adjourned
the case sine die, remarking that
when the defendant returned it
could be brought up again.

ARTIST MURDERED

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY NEAR
BERLIN

Berlin.—Professor Kurz, an
artist whose wife was President
Hindenburg's first cousin, has
been the victim of a ruthless mur-
der at Werder, one of the outer
suburbs of Berlin.

For some years past he had
lived by himself in a small one-
storey house, and here he was
found dead. Evidently he had
been killed by blows on the head
with an axe. All the rooms in the
house had been ransacked, but it
has not yet been discovered whether
the murderer secured con-
siderable booty.

Professor Kurz, who was best
known by a series of eighty-four
illustrations to the luxurious work
on the Wartburg, the Thuringian
castle where Luther translated
the Bible, was 70 years of age. His
mode of life had become very
eccentric. While he avoided all
intercourse with people of his
own class, he was very sociable
with tramps and beggars. It is
believed that his murderer is to
be sought among acquaintances
made by him in this way.

Jinks: "Did you give an open-
air show in spite of the rain?"

Binks: "Yes, the stage was
sheltered by trees."

Jinks: "What about the audi-
ence?"

Binks: "Oh, he was quite all
right; we lent him a mackintosh
and umbrella."

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AUSTRALIA LOSE TWO MORE WICKETS

70 RUNS ADDED
KIPPAX AND RYDER THE DISMISSED BATSMEN
"BOBS" FOR HAMMOND

When play opened at Melbourne to-day—the sixth of the third "Test"—Australia had made 118 for the loss of two wickets. Woodfull and Kippax were at bat, and there were 10,000 spectators there to watch the game on a fast wicket. By lunch-time Australia had taken the score to 168, losing two more wickets in the process. Kippax was the first to go, after making 41. He fell to a fine ball from Tate which he played outside the crease but which broke in and nipped off his balls in double-quick time. Kippax took 94 minutes over his innings and got four four's.

Skipper Goes
The Australian skipper then came in to join Woodfull, but only lasted a little while, playing on off Geary for the score of five. Four wickets were thus down for 143.

Don Bradman took Ryder's place at the wicket and at the interval had made nine against Woodfull's 30. The 150 went up after 198 minutes' play.

The only signs of the wicket wearing are that the ball occasionally turns and more often keeps low.

For Hammond
In commemoration of Hammond's wonderful effort in scoring a double-century on the Melbourne ground—following his double-century at Sydney—the people of the city are subscribing to a "shilling fund" for his benefit.

Yesterday's Play
Hammond's magnificent double century, the collapse of the English "tail," and Australia's fine stand at the opening of her second innings were the features of yesterday's play. The tourists were dismissed for 417, just 20 more than Australia made in her first effort, and the home side went to score 118 for the loss of two wickets.

Australia—1st Innings

W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate	7
V. Y. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood	3
H. L. Hendry, c Jardine, b Larwood	23
A. F. Kippax, c Jardine, b Larwood	100
J. S. Ryder, c Hendren, b Tate	112
D. Bradman, b Hammond	79
W. A. Oldfield, b Geary	3
E. L. A'Beckett, c Duckworth, b White	41
R. M. Oxenham, b Geary	15
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Geary	5
D. D. J. Blackie, not out	2
Extras	7
Total	397

Fall of wickets: 1 for 5 runs (Richardson), 2 for 15 (Woodfull), 3 for 57 (Hendry), 4 for 213 (Kippax), 5 for 282 (Ryder), 6 for 287 (Oldfield), 7 for 373 (Bradman), 8 for 383 (A'Beckett), 9 for 394 (Grimmett), 10 for 397 (Oxenham).

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	37	8	127	3
Tate	46	17	87	2
Geary	31.5	4	83	3
Hammond	8	4	19	1
White	57	30	64	1
Jardine	1	0	10	0
England—1st Innings				
J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b A'Beckett	50			20
H. Sutcliffe, b Blackie	28			68
W. R. Hammond, c A'Beckett, b Blackie	200			200
A. P. F. Chapman, b Blackie	24			24
E. Hendren, c A'Beckett, b Hendry	15			15
D. R. Jardine, c and b Blackie	62			62
H. Larwood, c and b Blackie	0			0
G. Geary, lb.w., b Grimmett	1			1
C. Duckworth, b Blackie	8			8
M. Tate, c Kippax, b Grimmett	21			21
J. C. White, not out	8			8
Extra	1			1

Fall of wickets: 1 for 23 runs (Hobbs), 2 for 151 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 188 (Kippax), 4 for 143 (Ryder).

THE KING "SLOWLY PULLING THROUGH"

A TURN FOR BETTER
THE HOME SECRETARY'S IMPORTANT STATEMENT
CALCIUM'S GOOD EFFECTS

London, Yesterday.
A British Wireless telegram states:—
A reassuring statement about the King's condition was made by Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary, as he left Victoria Station to-day for the Riviera:
He said: "I am glad to say the King has taken a turn for better. He is slowly pulling through. If the King had not been better I should certainly not have left London. I saw Lord Dawson late last night and he assured me that both he and his colleagues were satisfied now with the progress the King was making. Progress must of neces-



Lord Dawson of Penn

sarily be slow, but it is continued. I feel that the worst of the illness is over and that there is every reason to hope that slow but gradual improvement will take place."

Another fact which is regarded as reassuring is that His Majesty's doctors did not return to Buckingham Palace this afternoon, and it was understood that they would not visit the Palace again until this evening.

Good Specific
A medical authority explains that calcium, which is now being administered to the King, is a well-proven specific in cases of thinness of the blood stream. It has a clotting effect on the blood and, therefore, prevents bleeding. It is very effective in cases in which tubercle is possible or suspected. The operation of injecting the substance is simple, being done by a glass syringe with a hollow needle. The skin is punctured above a vein and the contents of the syringe are sent into the blood stream.

The statement by the Home Secretary suggests that the calcium treatment is having the right effects.

The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 o'clock this evening:—"The King has passed a good day and there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition."

Signed Stanley Hewitt, Hugh M. Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

"Much About The Same"
Reuter states:—
The King had a fairly quiet night and his condition remains much about the same.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A'Beckett	37	7	92	1
Hendry	20	8	85	1
Grimmett	55	14	114	2
Oxenham	35	11	67	0
Blackie	44	14	94	0
Ryder	4	0	14	0

Australia—2nd Innings

W. M. Woodfull, not out	90
V. Y. Richardson, b Larwood	5
H. L. Hendry, st Duckworth, b White	12
A. F. Kippax, b Tate	41
J. S. Ryder, played on, b Geary	5
D. Bradman, not out	9
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wickets) 168

Fall of wickets: 1 for 7 (Richardson), 2 for 60 (Hendry), 3 for 138 (Kippax), 4 for 143 (Ryder).

NATION GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

STRANGE SCENE
OLD AND YOUNG SUMMONED TO CLASS ROOM
NEW ALPHABET

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The remarkable spectacle was witnessed throughout Turkey yesterday of the whole nation going back to school, men, women, old and young having been peremptorily summoned to the classroom to learn the new Latin alphabet. Even greybeards shuffled along to revive youthful memories and women, nursing babies, came to learn the A. B. C.

The National Schools for general instruction in the new characters were opened with impressive ceremony, the speeches delivered referring to the benefit likely to follow the new revolution in letters.

It has been arranged to give a year's instruction in the reading and writing of the new alphabet to two-thirds of the population.—Reuter.

Reformer Dead
Angora, Yesterday.
Turkey has been plunged into mourning by the death from appendicitis of Necati Bey, Minister of Education, who was prominently identified with the adoption of the Latin Alphabet.—Reuter.

OH, ARE YOU?

COLONEL'S LADY AND GOVT. OFFICIAL
A WILD WOOD CASE

Lo Chuen, a gardener in the employ of Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., of No. 28, Lugard-road, The Peak, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindeke, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 150 catties of green wild wood, which the prosecution alleged had been cut from the Government plantation at the back of the house.

The case for the Forestry Department was conducted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, who made his first appearance in Court in his capacity as an Assistant Crown Solicitor.

The defendant pleaded that he had only cut down branches of wild trees which overhung his master's garden. He denied that he had gone into the plantation and cut the trees there.

100 Cut Down
Mr. Andrews told the Magistrate that during the past fortnight some 100 trees had been cut down in the plantation, and therefore forest guards were detailed to keep watch. Yesterday the defendant was seen by the guards cutting wood on the hill above his master's house, and later the guards, from points of vantage in the plantation, on the hillside, saw a quantity of green wood stacked on the roof of the servants' quarters of Col. Bird's house.

The guards reported their discovery at the Forestry Department office, and an official there obtained a warrant at the Central Magistracy to search the place. The search resulted in the 150 catties of green wood being found on the roof. This wood, Mr. Andrews said, would be identified by a person competent to do so as wood from the plantation.

Search Warrant
Evidence was given by Mr. J. R. Carr, a Supervisor of the Forestry Department. He said that as the result of information he received from the two guards in his office yesterday morning, he went to No. 28, Lugard-road. He walked some 120 feet past the front of the house and then proceeded some 50 or 60 feet up the hill at the back of the house. From here he looked down into Col. Bird's place and on the roof of the servants' quarters he saw a quantity of green wild wood spread out to dry. The witness then looked about the hillside, which was Government plantation, and discovered some 40 odd green stumps of wild trees, situated immediately above the house. All the stumps were fresh, and the stump farthest from the house, the witness calculated, was some 150 feet away.

Leaving the two guards to watch the place, the witness came to town and took out a search warrant at the Magistracy. He returned to the Peak at about 1.15 p.m., and went to the front entrance of Col. Bird's house where a servant answered the door. The witness asked to see the master, but was informed that Col. Bird was not in, so the servant was asked to fetch the mistress.

When Mrs. Bird came, the witness showed the warrant to her and explained that he wanted to search the roof of the servants' quarters.

INDIA GOVERNMENT LOAN

£10,000,000
THE MONEY LARGELY FOR RAILWAYS
UNDERWRITING IN LONDON

London, Yesterday.
The underwriting was arranged to-day for the new India Government loan of £10,000,000 in 4½ per cent. 1958 stock.
The issue will be 91 per cent.
The new loan constitutes the largest overseas loan for some time and, as the money raised is largely for railway purposes, it should be a help to the iron and steel industry in Great Britain.—British Wireless Service.

WHO FIRED?

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT KOWLOON
SMASH FOLLOWS REPORT

Mr. B. Wyllie, President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, reported a somewhat mysterious occurrence to the police last night.
At about 7 o'clock, while some members were still at the club, a Mrs. Watson, living at the Kingsclere Hotel, was sitting in the ladies' room when she was suddenly startled by a report, which sounded like a cracker being fired. Almost simultane-

"CLEARING LATER"

N. E. winds, moderate, overcast at first, clearing later is the report for noon to-morrow.
The typhoon is still shown to the N. E. of Japan. The anti-cyclonic belt appears as a belt of high pressure stretching from the Yangtze Valley to S. Manchuria. The monsoon will moderate.

taneously, some broken bits of glass fell into the room.

A detective was sent round to the club to investigate. He reported later that in a pane of glass in a window facing Cox-road, he found a small hole, which appeared to have been made by a revolver bullet of small calibre. From the floor the detective picked up pieces of glass, which had fallen from the broken window. A careful search was carried out in the room for the bullet, but it was not found.

Inquiries were afterwards made by the detective among other club members, servants and ricksha coolies and other Chinese outside the club, but no one saw anyone loitering in the vicinity of the Club, or heard the report which frightened Mrs. Watson and caused the damage to the window pane.

NIAGARA FALLS

NEW WORKS TO BE CONSTRUCTED
SCIENCE BEAUTY

Washington, Yesterday.
The State Department has announced that the American-Canadian Treaty has been signed for the construction of works at the Niagara River in the neighbourhood of the Falls, to maintain and improve the scenic beauty of the falls and the rapids.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. E. A. Wilmington-Ingram has been promoted to be an officer of Class V of the Malayan Civil Service.

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EXHIBITION OF DUTCH PAINTINGS, ETC.

IN LONDON
PICTURES BROUGHT FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
A DUTCH LUNCHEON

London, Yesterday.
820 paintings, drawings and objects d'art in silver and glass, constituting the greatest collection of Dutch art ever shown, was opened to-day for public exhibition at the Royal Academy.

The pictures were brought from the ends of the earth, including Rembrandts, each of which is worth a fortune, have been lent by H.M. King George, American Millionaires, British Peers and by the Great Dutch Galleries.

The exhibition will be opened for three months.

It has been arranged by the most distinguished connoisseurs in England and Holland, and will be inaugurated with a luncheon, at which the food and drinks will be brought from Holland.—Reuter.

A CAR DRIVER

PUBLIC EXAMINATION IN BANKRUPTCY
"SIGNING FOR ANYTHING"

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Mr. Agassiz also questioned debtor on his borrowings from Indians and others in 1927. Debtor related how he had purchased an Austin car for \$1,200, a half-share in another car for \$250 (which he got back because it made no money), and also a Hudson car from his employers on the hire-purchase system—\$600 down and 12 monthly instalments of \$200 each.

When \$350 was outstanding on the Hudson car, debtor defaulted and the Dragon Co., he said, seized the car under the agreement between them.

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CAPTURE BAG-SNATCHING THIEF
EUROPEAN LADY STARTLED

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With great presence of mind, Mrs. Hazeland and her friend ran after the thief, calling for assistance as they went. The cries of

CHRISTIAN GENERAL MOVING?

EYES ON HANKOW
REPORTED TO BE ADVANCING SOUTHWARD
GEN. LI TSUNG-JEN RUMOUR

A report has reached a reliable source, whence it is passed on for what it is worth with a remark that confirmation is lacking, to the effect that Feng Yu-hsiang (better known as the "Christian General") is advancing troops southward against Hankow. The report adds that General Li Tsung-jen, who has been in charge at Hankow, will not be allowed to return.

Feng Yu-hsiang holds the northern provinces of Honan, Shensi and Kansu and he has occupied most of Shantung.

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LENGTH OF WOMEN'S SKIRTS

JUDGE'S REMARKS
LADY PASSENGER SUES M.M. CO. FOR DAMAGES
LAUNCH AWNING ON FIRE

"I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago," Mr. Justice Jacks (Puisne Judge) observed in the Summary Court this morning. His Lordship asked if fashions had not changed considerably and added that he is not an authority on the length of skirts.

Mr. J. T. Prior, who also denied being an expert, said that he remembered many years ago when predictions were made that they were bound to increase in length. They had not done so, he added. His Lordship said that they have become shorter.

Mr. Prior was for Miss Georgia Gale, whose address was given as at St. Francis Hotel, Hong Kong, and who unsuccessfully sued the Cie des Messageries Maritimes, Queen's-building, for \$200 damages alleged to have been suffered by her through her clothing being set alight on defendants' launch, by negligence of defendant's servants.

Over Miss Gale's Head
Mr. Prior produced evidence given by the plaintiff taken de bene esse. Plaintiff was not in Court.

Miss Gale arrived by the s.s. "Paul Lecat" belonging to defendant, he said, on Oct. 22, 1928, when the ship anchored in mid-stream. Plaintiff, together with others, boarded a steam launch which took them ashore. When the launch was about half-way between the liner and the shore, for some reason which could only be guessed at, the awning caught fire. The outbreak occurred, unfortunately, over Miss Gale's head.

A burning piece of stuff fell on Miss Gale, who was wearing a tailored cloth coat, waistcoat and skirt, and scorched the shoulder of the coat. Although the damage was very slight it was sufficient to ruin the coat. The skirt and waistcoat were not damaged.

What exactly happened when the fire broke out, it was difficult to say; the first thing that Miss Gale knew was that she was seized by the coxswain, who pulled her out of the way. The fire was soon put out.

Measure of Damage
Mr. Prior referred to the cross-examination by Mr. H. C. Macnamara (for the defence) when Miss Gale's evidence was taken. Miss Gale admitted she thought the fire to have been caused by a spark from the funnel of the launch. It was also put it to plaintiff that the fire might just as well have been caused by a cigarette or cigar-end being thrown on to the awning by some careless person on the "Paul Lecat" when the launch was lying alongside.

In dealing with the measure of damage, Mr. Prior said it was true that the clothes were 18 months old but they were expected to last a long time as they had been tailored by one of the best ladies' tailors in London. Miss Gale was attired in clothes of a similar cut but of different colour, made by the same tailor, when she gave her evidence. She then looked very smart, but those clothes were eight years old!

Is It Short?
His Lordship:—Haven't fashions changed considerably of late? I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago?

Mr. Prior:—She would in these tailor-made clothes.

His Lordship:—I am not an authority?—Neither am I.

His Lordship:—Is it a short skirt?

Mr. Prior replied that he had not measured it. His Lordship remarked that in a few years' time ladies would probably be wearing their skirts down to their ankles again, in which case the skirt, if short, would be of no use at all.

Mr. Prior asked his Lordship to wait and see. "Many years ago I can remember when skirts first got as short as they are now when it was said that they were bound to increase in length," but they had not done so.

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MANCHESTER TRADE

RISE IN AMERICAN

COTTON

SMALL YARN SALES

In their weekly review of Man-

chester Trade dated December 5,

Messrs. Sir Jacob Behrens & Sons

write as follows:-

There was a smart rise in Ameri-

can cotton on Thursday last, when

Mid American "spot" touched

11.09d. in Liverpool. Since then

values have fallen daily, until yes-

terday the price was 40 points

lower. Profit taking by specula-

tors and the uncertainty of what

the Bureau Report due on Satur-

day next will be, are held to be

the chief causes of this drop. Yes-

terday, however, New York rates

closed some 9 to 16 points up on

the day, whilst Liverpool opens this

morning 7 to 9 points up. Many

think that the upward tendency is

not justified and that the present

outlook of cotton supplies does not

warrant it. Egyptian staples,

after advancing until F. G. F.

Sakel touched 19.40d. last week,

were back again yesterday at the

price of a week ago. When com-

pared with a year ago, both Ameri-

can and Egyptian prices are hover-

ing round about the same rates.

The takings of American Sorts by

Great Britain, America and the

Continent this season are some

360,000 bales less than a year ago,

each being behind, our decrease

being 61,000, whilst America has

taken 247,000 less, but the Continen-

t is only down 53,000 bales.

Yarn

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decidedly slow. The spurt in price

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last brought out a considerable

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Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ALTAL MARU Tuesday, 8th January, 1929.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOHAY MARU Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU Monday, 7th January.
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& MOHREBA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 6th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 18th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, PACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU Sunday, 6th January.
SAIGON
HAIPHONG—Via Hong Kong
MENADO MARU Thursday, 17th January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYAMA MARU Monday, 7th January.
JAPAN PORTS.
KASADO MARU Monday, 7th January.
HAYAMA MARU Monday, 7th January.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOKAN MARU Sunday, 6th January Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARU Thursday, 10th January 10 a.m.
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SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 25th January, 1929.
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SHIPPING
SECTION.

TEES AS A PORT

MIDDLESBROUGH'S DOCK
ACCOMMODATION

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Sir Hugh Bell, returning thanks in mail week for his re-election as chairman of Tees Conservancy Commission, referred to the fact that they had made endeavours, which circumstances frustrated, to secure further and better dock accommodation at Middlesbrough.

It might be, he said, that before long they would have to take into consideration whether it was not their duty to provide facilities of the kind if Middlesbrough was to continue to keep the position it had gained. The River Tees was one of the best ports in the world, and they must have as good a port as the circumstances of their trade required.

Reviewing the work of the Commissioners, Sir Hugh said he had seriously considered resigning when he had served 50 years on the Commission, but he reluctantly came to the conclusion that he induced the Commissioners to embark upon an important scheme for the improvement of the river, and he felt it would not be fair to his colleagues if he did not endeavour, so far as he was able, to see the scheme set fairly on its legs.

They were going to be involved in a large expenditure if they followed the lines which they had practically laid down, but which circumstances might compel them to modify considerably. But there were limits which they might find desirable to remove and involving still further expenditure.

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"For instance, you made arrangements whereby the Tees could become a coal shipping port, but the improvement went no further for reasons which, at the time, seemed sufficient. Then you made endeavours, which circumstances frustrated, to secure further and better dock accommodation. It may well be that before very long you are bound to take into your consideration whether it is not your duty to provide facilities of the kind which I have indicated for Middlesbrough."

"If Middlesbrough is to continue to keep the position of England the River Tees must be one of the best ports in the world. I won't say the best port in the world—tops and bottoms were made for fools they say—but it must be as good a port as the circumstances of our trade required, and if we are to fulfil this condition it will be because the circumstances of that trade have altered very greatly in my lifetime and in others, and will alter still further."

CEYLON HARBOUR

NEW SERVICE TUG
LAUNCHED

There was launched on November 17, from the yard of Messrs. Philip and Son, Ltd., Dartmouth, a two-screw salvage tug, built to the order of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, under the supervision and to the designs and specifications of Messrs. Flannery, Baggallay and Johnson, London, Liverpool and Rotterdam. The principal dimensions are:—Length B.P. 150ft., breadth moulded 37ft., and depth moulded 18ft.

This vessel is intended for harbour service in addition to deep sea towing, salvage and general service in Colombo Harbour, and is fitted with up-to-date appliances for this particular service. Electric light is fitted throughout, of the most up-to-date design. The propelling machinery, which has been constructed by the builders of the tug, is of the twin-screw triple-expansion surface condensing type, capable of developing not less than 2,000 I.H.P.

The engine room is complete with modern auxiliaries including Weir's feed pumps, separate centrifugal pumps, Weir independent air pump and general service pumps, all fitted with gunmetal water ends. Propellers are of bronze, with cast steel bosses. All material used in construction of the machinery is in accordance with first-class requirements throughout.

The navigating bridge is arranged above the houses on bridge deck, and extends to sides of vessel and well forward, with gangway extension above windlass for the pump monitor. Steam and hand windlasses of ample power are provided.

IN NORWAY

HIGH WORKING EXPENSES
AND TAXES

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The report has now been issued by the committee appointed early last February by the Norwegian Department of Commerce to investigate the causes of the steadily increasing laying-up of ships which was taking place at that time and to inquire as to whether anything could be done by the Government to counteract these conditions. In order to ascertain the causes the committee, whose report is unanimous, made a comparison between the working expenses of Norwegian ships and those of foreign competitors.

The report points out that it was specially the smaller Norwegian tramp ships which were laid up in large numbers, and in this connection the committee examined the conditions affecting the crews, wages, working time, boarding, insurance, taxes, and other imposts. The conclusion reached by the committee is that Norwegian ships all round have greater working expenses and the shipping companies are more severely taxed than ships and companies in countries which in particular are rivals on the sea. Thus in a falling freight market the time when the receipts do not cover the working expenses will arrive earlier for Norwegian than for foreign ships.

Besides this primary cause of the larger extent of laying-up in Norway than in other countries, the other reasons adduced by the committee are to be found in later years' development of route shipping to the detriment of tramps, the expansion of merchant fleets in other countries, amalgamations of shipping undertakings in other countries as compared with individual ownership in Norway or the possession of a few ships by one undertaking, the difficulties caused through the situation of foreign exchange, &c. If the conditions have been difficult in recent years it is feared that they will not improve in the future for the Norwegian smaller ships.

Suggested Alterations
As a result of the investigation it is recommended that the State should endeavour to find a form for the manning scale's adaptation to the type of ship and the route in which it is engaged; that the law as to the working shift should be made more elastic by being altered in the direction of the Swedish law on the question; that alterations should be made in the rules as to taxation so that the Norwegians are not placed in a more unfavourable position than their competitors; that the State should relieve the other imposts on shipping, &c. As the facilities suggested by the committee would not involve the State in material sacrifices the committee expresses the hope that the State will find occasion to carry them out as soon as possible.

Concerning the part which should be taken by shipowners, the latter would be able to reduce the expenses incurred for boarding the crews and those incidental to insurance. In the latter respect it is suggested that owners should adopt to a larger extent the foreign practice of writing their insurances on the franchise basis for particular average. It is submitted that this would gradually bring about falling premiums, as it would increase the conscious responsibility among all concerned.

NEW STEAMERS

CANADIAN PACIFIC COASTAL
SERVICE

Captain Cyril Noroutsos, the newly-appointed manager of the Canadian Pacific, British Columbia coastal service, has arrived in Glasgow in connection with the taking over of the "Princess Norah," built by Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, and also with the view of placing contracts for the construction of two large passenger steamers to augment the company's British Columbia service.

The proposed new vessels are designed to cope with the increasing traffic between the city of Vancouver on the mainland and Victoria on Vancouver Island.

The vessels will each be 351 feet in length, 52 feet in beam, and 19 feet in depth, and they are to be on service early in 1930. The two days' steaming trial of the "Princess Norah," which is intended for the Canadian Pacific Company's British Columbia coastal service, has just been completed over the Clyde, measured mile, the vessel having easily maintained her contract speed of 16 knots, and proving in every way satisfactory.

LOCAL SHIPPING

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES

Chinkiang (1,929) British, from Canton—B. & S.

New Mathilda (842) British, from Haiphong, Holhow—Yik Tai:—79 passengers, 1,480 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Santhia (4,841) British, from Rangoon, Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie:—1,104 passengers, 816 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,309 tons (through).

Theseus (6,731) British, from Swansea, Singapore—B. & S.:—1,105 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 32 tons (through) 12 passengers.

Sulyang (1,594) British, from Shanghai, Swatow—B. & S.:—310 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 590 tons (through), 65 passengers. Talook (133) British, from sea. D'Artagnan (9,608) French, from Marseilles, Saigon—Mr. Losdo:—117 passengers, 192 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,879 tons (through).

Zosma (5,335) Dutch, from Kobe, Shanghai—J. C. J. L.:—4 passengers, 1 case ginseng for Hong Kong, 6,241 tons general cargo (through).

Cremor (2,784) Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow—J. C. J. L.:—1,001 passengers, 7 packages general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,560 tons (through).

Tjikembang (5,028) Dutch, from Soerabaya, Batavia—J. C. J. L.:—508 passengers, 3,951 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 438 tons (through).

Harunasan Maru (1,867) Japanese, from Dairen—M. B. K.:—1,876 tons coal, 500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,520 tons (through).

Shunko Maru (5,027) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji—O. S. K.:—592 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,760 tons (through).

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing:—20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Muntok:—Tijsondari.
For Manila:—Tjikini, Zoama.
For Shanghai:—Lee Cheung.
For Singapore:—Tacoma Maru.
For Canton:—Sui Yang, Kithu, Chenan, Raymond Poincare, Hang Sang.

For K. C. Wan:—Chikhom.
For Shanghai:—D'Artagnan, Hupeh, City of Madras.

For Saigon:—Golden Sun.
For Amoy:—Tak Hing.

For Haiphong:—Francis Garner.
For Holhow:—Dorry.

For Koromiko:—Hongay.

Clearances

For Amoy:—Chusan.
For Swatow:—Hong Peng.
For K. C. Wan:—Tal Foo Sek.
For Saigon:—Wong Shek Kung, Darcolia.
For Holhow:—Kweil Yang.
For Singapore:—Cremor.

	Arrivals	Departures
British	6	6
Japanese	2	1
Chinese	1	4
Dutch	8	3
French	1	3
German	0	2
American	0	1
	18	20

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 15	Jan. 17	Jan. 25
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 8
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 13
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27

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*ALIPORE	5,273	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MOREA	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,095	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*PADUA	5,907	9th Mar.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.

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SANTHIA	7,754	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,096	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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MOREA	10,953	8th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,096	14th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,095	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PADUA	5,907	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,949	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MIRZAPUR	6,715	29th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
MACEDONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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The agreement, which has been rendered possible by the new road powers recently confirmed on the railway companies by Parliament, will effect a co-ordination of road and rail transport facilities in the West of England.

An important development in road and rail transport also took place in Sheffield yesterday when joint bus services, operated by the Corporation and by the London and North Eastern and the London, Midland and Scottish Railways were inaugurated.—Reuter's American Service.

M. POINCARÉ

NOT BEING PERMITTED TO RESIGN

Paris, Jan. 1.
It is revealed that M. Poincaré, the Premier, has announced his intention of resigning, but, on pressure being exerted on him, he decided to remain at the post.

It was at a meeting of the Council of Ministers that M. Poincaré declared that as the Budget had been voted and the stabilisation of the franc secured, he considered that his task had been achieved. He therefore intended to resign.

In a discussion which followed, however, the Ministers unanimously expressed the view that, despite the importance of the results reached, a considerable task, both internal and external, remained, and M. Poincaré's presence in the Cabinet was indispensable in dealing with it.

Thereupon, M. Poincaré withdrew his proposed resignation.—Reuter.

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The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water, and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Dec. 28, 1928 to Jan. 3, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Dec.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 28	11 47	4 47
Sat. 29	9 57a	3 15a
Sun. 30	10 42a	3 21a
Mon. 31	11 32a	3 26a
Tues. 1	12 27a	3 31a
Wed. 2	1 22a	3 36a
Thurs. 3	2 17a	3 41a
	3 12a	3 46a

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived London on Jan. 1 at 11 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 27 at 8 a.m., and is due here tomorrow at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 31 at 6 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 2 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Shanghai for this port on Tuesday at 4 p.m., and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on Jan. 9.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 23, and is due here on Jan. 10. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Suez on Jan. 1 at 7 p.m. is due at Bombay on Jan. 10 at 7 a.m., and is expected here on Feb. 18 at 8 a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong:—
S.S. "Leyland" from New York, January 6.

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S.S. "City of Pekin" from Europe, January 25.

S.S. "Polaris" from New York, February 1.

Sailings from Hong Kong:—
S.S. "Leyland" to Boston, New York and Baltimore, January 6.

S.S. "City of Bedford" to Shanghai, January 8.

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Pres. Folk Feb. 10th 8 a.m.

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Pres. McKinley Jan. 5th 6 p.m.
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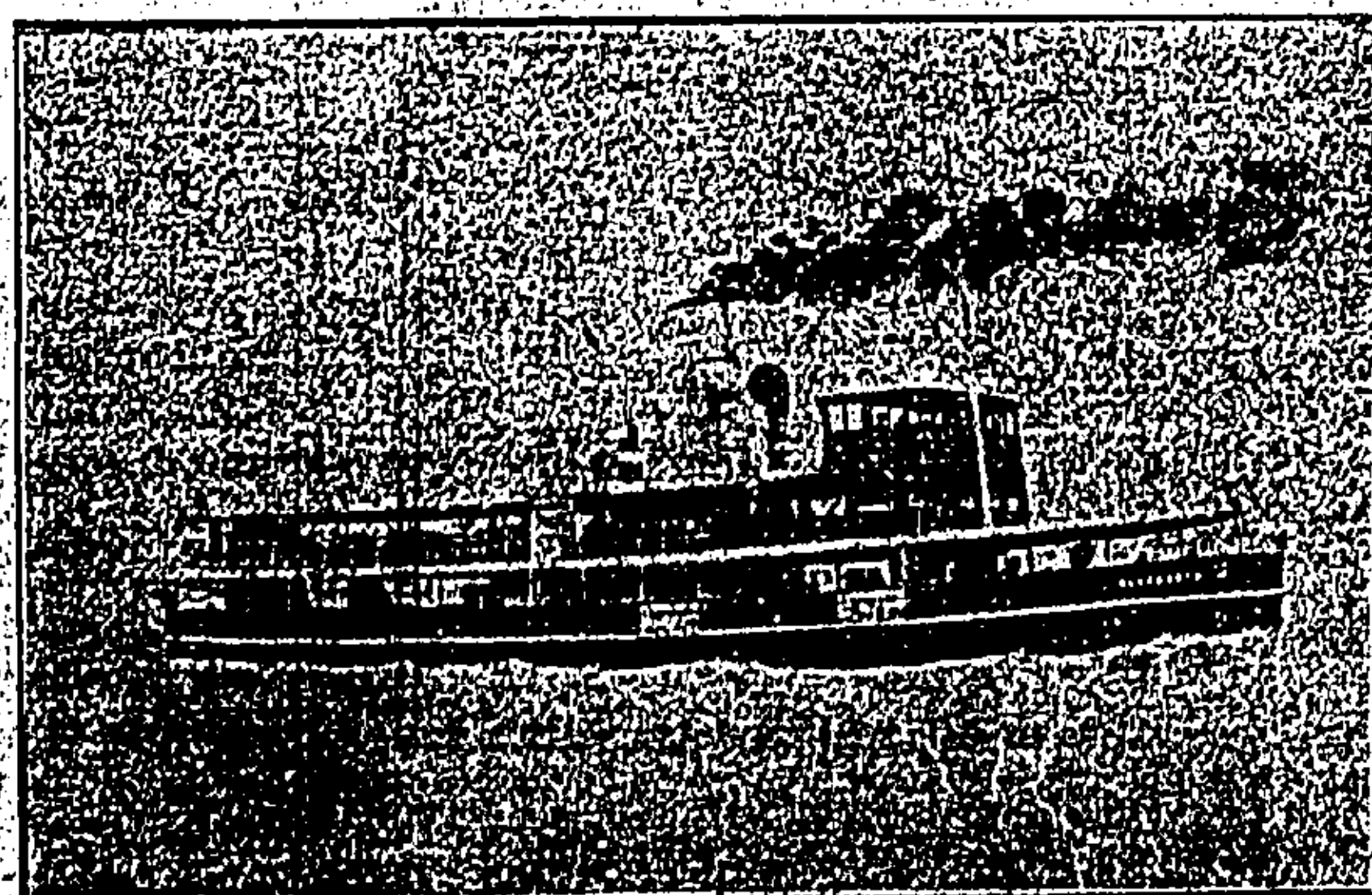
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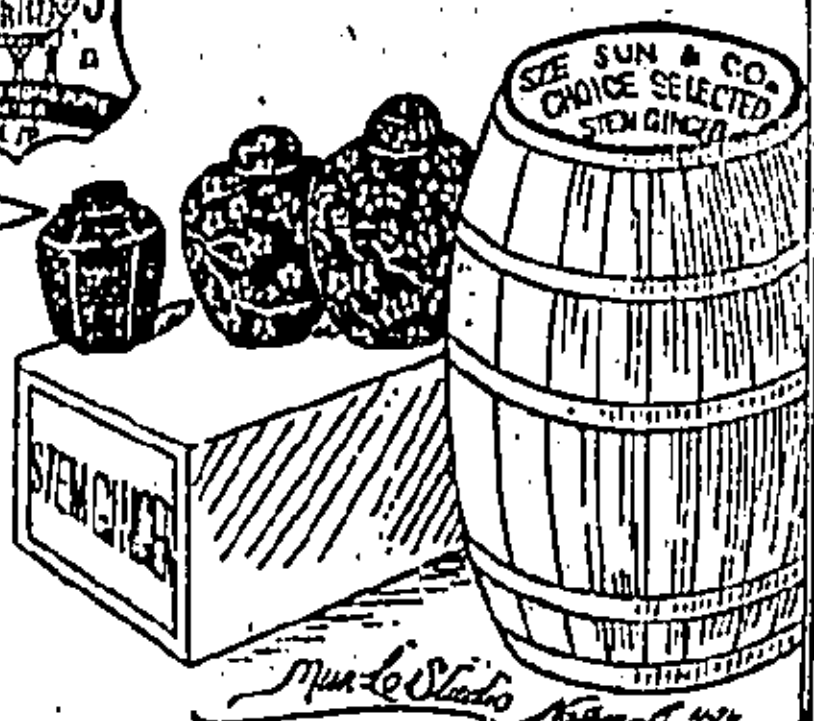
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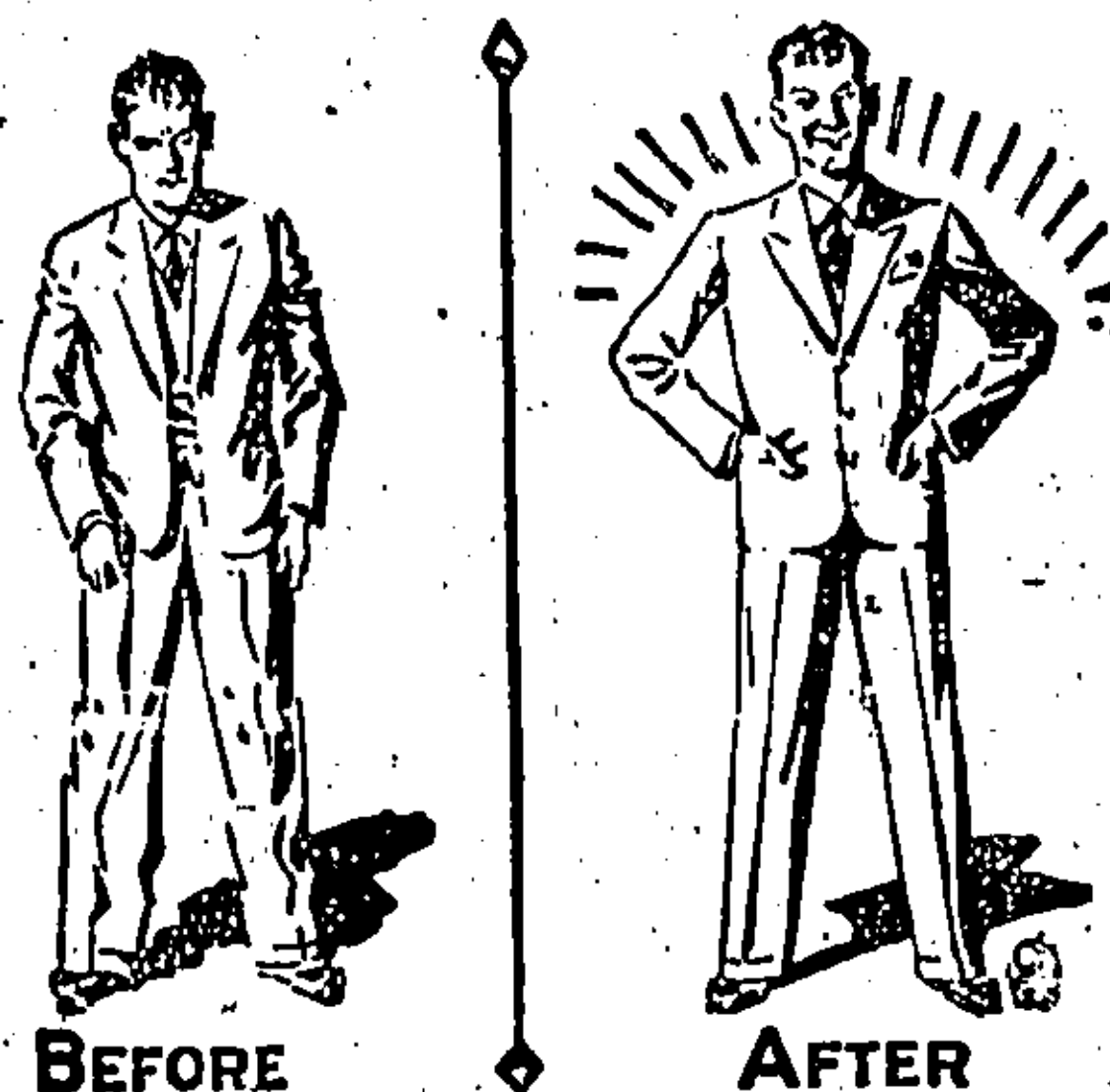
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MARRIAGE

McRAE—HURLEY.—On January
3, 1929, at 2.30 p.m. at the
Registry, Mr. Lionel McRae to
Mrs. M. P. Hurley (nee
Goldenberg).

BIRTHS

ANDERSON.—On December 25,
1928, at Aberdeen, to Mr. and
Mrs. D. Anderson, a daughter.

CROUCH.—On December 25, 1928,
at the Country Hospital,
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
R. J. Crouch, a daughter.

LEITAO.—On December 25, 1928,
at St. Marie Hospital, Shang-
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A.
Leitao, a son, Paulo Emanuel.

MATHEW.—On December 25,
1928, at the Country Hospital,
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
C. L. Mathew, a son.

MERRITT.—On December 17, 1928,
at the International Hospital,
Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. F. N.
Merritt, a daughter.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Jan. 3, 1929.

A REMARKABLE DAY

It is a coincidence as rare as it
is interesting that the most ex-
citing period in the history of the
present series of "Test" matches
in Australia should come in the
very middle of the tour. The
first and second matches, now
that we look back upon them,
hold little of our attention; all we
remember is that England won
rather easily on both occasions.
But in the third "Test," now be-
ing contested at Melbourne, the
situation has become intriguing.
Yesterday, after both sides had
completed an innings (which
meant that two and a half
matches of the five to be played

had been disposed of) England
were but twenty runs ahead of
our cousins from "down under."
The fact in itself was sufficient to
raise the present struggle above
the previous two in the eyes of all
who love the game of cricket; but
when Australia, in the last hour
of play, "set about" the English
bowling and managed to secure
one hundred and eighteen runs
for the loss of two of their
wickets, the question of the ulti-
mate winner and very likely the
question as to the disposal of the
"Ashes" became a most open one.
Australia, at start of play this
morning, were 98 runs ahead
with eight wickets of the second
innings in hand. At this stage
the game was anybody's.

The progress of the match yester-
day marked a red-letter day in
the history of "Test" cricket.
Walter Hammond, of Gloucester-
shire, did something which has
not been done before; his double-
centuries in successive games, as
a record, are likely to stand for a
long time. Other things,
although overshadowed by the
performance of the young Eng-
lishman, happened. The Mel-
bourne wicket, for instance,
maintained its reputation of be-
ing one of the finest in the world
so long as it remains dry. It is
made of soil from the Merri
Merri Creek, black of colour, and
when well-dressed and dry has the
appearance of polished ebony.

The fears entertained yesterday
afternoon that it was breaking,
occasioned by the surprisingly
quick dismissal of the last four
English batsmen, were not,
happily, realised, for the Aus-
tralians were able to knock up over
a hundred in what may be termed
"no time."

This sudden exit of the rest of
the visiting side, just referred to,
also constituted one of the fea-
tures of a remarkable day. The
Australians' fuller knowledge of
the ways of the wicket may have
had something to do with it, but
Hammond, Jardine and Sutcliffe,
it must be remembered, were able
to master the bowling for reason-
ably long periods. Our own sur-
mise inclines to a deep apprecia-
tion of the slow leg breaks of
D. D. J. Blackie, who took six of
the wickets during the innings,
catching two batsmen off his own
trundling. The three top-scorers
in the English side, it is observed,
fell to the Victorian, and his is the
kind of bowling, it seems, which
simply shouts to be knocked in
the air. He is, of course, per-
forming on his own midden,
which is helpful, but this factor
may not have played an important

part in his success. In any case,
Blackie's noteworthy execution
with the ball was certainly an-
other of the features of yester-
day's outstanding cricket. May
to-day—and the next day—bring
us further sensations!

Secret of Longevity

Reuter's telegram in yester-
day's "China Mail," referring to
M. Emile Loubet, must have come
as a big surprise to many of our
readers as, we must admit, it
came to us. There was a time—
1899-1906—when M. Loubet, as
President of France, was, of
course, a very well-known figure
in European politics; but that
time, especially with the War
intervening, is a long way off. It
appears, however, that this once
distinguished Frenchman is still
to the fore, and in the telegram
to which reference has been made,
it is stated that he has been cele-
brating his 90th birthday. It is
very unusual that one who, as M.
Loubet must have done, has passed
through much political tur-
moil, should live to such an
advanced age, and it is even
more unusual that he should then
be so lively as M. Loubet appears
to be. The veteran ex-President
is evidently a humorist, judging
by the remarks he made regard-
ing his formula for longevity. He
places first "a clear conscience
and a good appetite," and per-
haps he may have said that if one
has the one, one must also have
the other. He is no admirer of
prohibition, as he advocates a
"moderate indulgence in spirits."
The next item of the formula is
the best and it is one that will
find a ready and universal re-
sponse. M. Loubet says that if we
would live long we "should never
use the telephone." Too true, for
who could live long or wish to live
long if tortured telephonically?
Also, says this vivacious old
Frenchman, "dabble sparingly in
politics," advice which from one
who must have devoted years to
legislative harangues, is good.
We are inclined to think that M.
Loubet has not attained to his
ripe old age without acquiring the
gentle art of talking "with his
tongue in his cheek."

Men's hearts ought not to be
set against one another, but set
with one another, and all against
the evil thing only. — Thomas
Caryle.

The forthcoming marriage is
announced of Mr. A. E. Coates,
of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.,
and Miss G. H. Maher (de Souza),
of N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd.

The hour of commencement
of the Local Composers Concert
to be given at the Helena May
Institute on January 15 has been
altered to 9.15 p.m. instead of
5.15 p.m.

A member of the staff of the
Health Office, at the invitation
of the Peak Residents' Associa-
tion, is making a house-to-house
visit for the purpose of vaccinat-
ing all those so desirous.

At 10.15 last night, the junk
"San Yee Hing" ran into the
Canton steamer "Sai On" outside
the Kap-sui-mun pass. Very
little damage was done. The
wives and families of the junk-
men boarded the steamer in case
any more trouble happened to the
junk. They were landed in
Hong Kong.

One of the two young Chinese
blacksmiths, arrested by the
police in connection with the mur-
der in Kennedy road, on February
22, 1928, of Fung Man-chui, a
student of St. George's School,
was discharged by Major C. Will-
son, O.B.E., yesterday. The police
withdrew the charge against the
accused, Kam Lam-kwai, on the
ground that the evidence against
him was insufficient. The other
man is under remand until Mon-
day next.

LACK OF CLERGY

EARL GREY ON FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTY

Newcastle.—Earl Grey, who is
chairman of the Church of Eng-
land Board of Finance, said
that unless the decline in
clergy could be arrested they
would soon be unable to provide
an incumbent for every parish.

There were 14,000 parishes in
the country, and little over 15,000
clergy. Before the war there
were 21,000 clergy. The burden
was falling on districts that most
needed help. He did not believe
that lack of unity was responsible
for that position. There were
many men admirably equipped for
the vocation who were anxious to
come forward, but found it im-
possible to raise the necessary
funds.

OPENING DAY

AGRICULTURAL SHOW
PROGRAMME

H.E. TO BE PRESENT

The Committee has issued the
programme for the opening day
of the Agricultural Show, which
will take place on Saturday, at 3
p.m. The Show will be continued
on the following day.

Judging will commence at 10.30
a.m. on the first day and is ex-
pected to be concluded by noon
when the grounds will be open to
the public.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,
C.M.G., who will perform the
opening ceremony, and be accom-
panied by Mrs. Southern, Capt.
A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., and Mr.
W. R. Scott, private secretary,
will arrive at the exhibition
ground at 2.50 p.m. His Excel-
lency and party will be received
at the entrance by the Chairman
of the committee, the Rev. H. R.
Wells, O.B.E., Sir Robert
Lady Ho Tung, Major H. B. L.
Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kei-
cheuk and others representing the
reception committee.

Village Elders.
The members of the general
committee, among whom there
are a large number of the village
elders from every district in the
New Territories, will then be in-
troduced to His Excellency. Fol-
lowing the introduction, His Excel-
lency will be conducted to a
platform in front of the exhibi-
tion building. The formal part
of the proceedings will commence
with a speech by Sir Robert Ho
Tung, to which, His Excellency
will reply.

There will be a distribution of
special prizes and certificates of
honour to all who will participate
in the Show.

The Hon. Mr. Southern and
Mrs. Southern will then be con-
ducted over the grounds for in-
spection of the exhibits which
will be staged according to the
classification in the respective
sheds, of which there are eight.

Tea and refreshments will be
served on the grounds through-
out the afternoon by the manage-
ment of the Castle Peak Restau-
rant at moderate prices.

Special Fares
As will be seen from the adver-
tisement columns, the Railway
management has made a substan-
tial reduction on the ordinary
fares for the return journey to
and from Sheung Shui. Visitors
travelling by the 12.10 or the 1.15
p.m. train from Kowloon will ar-
rive at Sheung Shui in time for
the opening ceremony. Return
trains will leave Sheung Shui halt
at 4.46 p.m. and 5.56 p.m. for
Kowloon, the latter is the last
train. Sailors and soldiers in uni-
form and school children will be
admitted to the Exhibition free.

Exhibitors and Exhibitors
The following list gives the
numbers of exhibits and exhibi-
tors from each district:—

Places	Exhibits	Exhibitors
Sha Tin	574	76
Lum Chuen		
Tai Po	82	15
Sha Toi Kok	126	18
Fanling, Sheung		
shui	1,267	135
Sun Tin		
Kam Tin		
Pat Heung	743	87
Sun Pat Heung		
Ping Shan		
Mong Chang	1,389	149
Tuen Moon	468	56
Cheun Wan	126	17
Kowloon and		
Yau-mat	283	44
	5,058	586

WHITNEY FORTUNE

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U.S. DUTIES

New York.—An official appraisal
of the estate of the late Mr.
Payne Whitney, filed recently for
taxation purposes, shows that the
American sportsman died worth
£38,865,702.

The Federal taxes on this will
amount to more than £4,000,000.
By Mr. Whitney's will chari-
ties, libraries, and institutions of
learning benefit to the extent of
£9,000,000. His widow receives a
life income from £11,000,000, be-
sides realty valued at £600,000,
jewellery and racehorses valued
at £133,000.

Mr. Whitney bequeathed
£100,000 to his friend Mr. Finley
Peter Dunne, a well-known
American humorist who created
the character of "Mr. Dooley."
In England the death duties
on Mr. Whitney's estate at the
maximum of 40 per cent. would
have been £15,500,000.

"Hallo, old fellow, and how do
you like your new job?" asked
Tony, meeting his friend in the
street.
"Simply topping!" was the re-
ply. "I am practically my own
master. I can get to the office at
what time I like before nine, and
leave off any time after six."

COLONY'S HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK

SMALL-POX DEATHS

In last week's return of notifiable
disease in the Colony, according
to reports to the Medical Officer of
Health, there were 73 cases of
small-pox with 38 deaths during
the week. Three of the victims
were British and one Japanese,
the remaining 69 being Chinese,
one of them being imported.

From the following table, we
can see that there were no fewer
than 415 cases of small-pox re-
ported and 153 of the victims
have died. The weekly return is
as follows:—

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38

415 153
Small-pox: 22 cases from the
city, 51 from Kowloon—total 73,
38 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the
city, 3 from Kowloon—total 4 (1
British, 1 Eurasian, 2 Chinese).
Enteric fever (typhoid): 1
from the city, 1 from Kowloon—
total 2, (1 imported), 3 deaths
during the week.

European Victim
The present outbreak of small-
pox in the Colony has claimed its
second European victim in less
than a week.

Mr. Alfred E. Brown, a
draughtsman of Messrs. W. S.
Bailey and Co., Ltd., engineers
and shipbuilders of Kowloon, is
the latest victim. His death took
place at the Kennedy Town Isola-
tion Hospital yesterday.

Only 26 years of age at the time
of his death, Mr. Brown, whose
home is at Wellington Quay, New-
castle-on-Tyne, had been in the
Colony for only about two months,
arriving here on the P. & O. s.s.
"Malwa."—Much sympathy will
be felt for his parents at Home.

The late Mr. Brown was taken
ill just before Christmas and ad-
mitted to hospital, where later
small-pox symptoms developed.

He was then transferred to the
Isolation Hospital, where he died.
In spite of his short residence
in the Colony, Mr. Brown had
shown himself adaptable to the
life of the Colony, made the ac-
quaintance of a number of people
with whom he rapidly became
popular. His death after such a
brief association with Hong Kong
is keenly felt by his friends and
colleagues.

The funeral will pass the Monu-
ment at 5 p.m. to-day.

Failing to Notify
The tenant of No. 10, Hong
Kong Street, who was summoned at the
Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday
for "that he unlawfully did,
knowing or having reason to be-
lieve that one Chan Lau was suf-
fering from small-pox, fail to
notify the same to the Medical
Officer of Health or the officer in
charge of the nearest Police Sta-
tion."

The Court was informed by a
maid servant that the defendant
had gone to Canton.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton adjourned
the case sine die, remarking that
when the defendant returned it
could be brought up again.

ARTIST MURDERED

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY NEAR
BERLIN

Berlin.—Professor Kurz, an
artist whose wife was President
Hindenburg's first cousin, has
been the victim of a ruthless mur-
der at Werder, one of the outer
suburbs of Berlin.

For some years past he had
lived by himself in a small one-
storey house, and here he was
found dead. Evidently he had
been killed by blows on the head
with an axe. All the rooms in the
house had been ransacked, but it
has not yet been discovered whe-
ther the murderer secured con-
siderable booty.

Professor Kurz, who was best
known by a series of eighty-four
illustrations to the luxurious work
on the Wartburg, the Thuringian
castle where Luther translated
the Bible, was 70 years of age. His
mode of life had become very
eccentric. While he avoided all
intercourse with people of his
own class, he was very sociable
with tramps and beggars. It is
believed that his murderer is to
be sought among acquaintances
made by him in this way.

Jinks: "Did you give an open-
air show in spite of the rain?"

Binks: "Yes, the stage was
sheltered by trees."

Jinks: "What about the audi-
ence?"

Binks: "Oh, he was quite all
right; we lent him a mackintosh
and umbrella."

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—For some months I have followed with intense interest the correspondence in the Press on the subject of Christian Science. As a member of the Christian Science Parent Church, I acknowledge with deep gratitude Mrs. Annie C. Bill as the leader of the Christian Science Church of today.

In the circumstances, I am impelled to request space for this letter, the first I have written to the Press, in order to enlighten your readers on certain aspects of the situation in the Christian Science field, which may not seem clear, owing to the manner in which they have been treated by the local Committee on Publication of the Boston organisation.

First, Mr. Adler writing officially as the Committee of Publication has on numerous occasions endeavoured to stress the fact that the organisation which he represents has no connection with the Christian Science Parent Church or its official organ "The Christian Science Watchman." That there may be no misunderstanding, I enclose for publication an article from the "Christian Science Watchman" entitled "An Emphatic Official Disclaimer." A disclaimer appears in every issue of the "Christian Science Watchman."

It is evident from the enclosed statement that the Christian Science Parent Church does not approve of such activities as the establishment of old age homes, or "attempted living activity under deceased leadership justified only in the teaching of spiritualism." When the Directors of the so-called "Mother Church" placed Mrs. Eddy's name again at the head of active church officials, after an absence of some years, several well-known spiritualists in America made comments of an appreciative nature.

Second, Mr. Adler has mentioned on several occasions that Mrs. Bill, the leader of the Christian Science movement, resigned from the Mother Church in 1905. If Mr. Adler has ever read the pamphlet, "Human Waymarks," by Mrs. Bill, he will know that Mrs. Bill's resignation was due to the action of the Directors in Boston upholding the officials of Third Church of Christ Scientist, London, in prohibiting its members from discussing the subject of Christian Science with one of its former members. Such a curtailment of human liberties by an ecclesiastical edict was so contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ and Mrs. Eddy, that Mrs. Bill was compelled to withdraw from the organisation to which Mr. Adler belongs. (A copy of this pamphlet is sent you for the use of those interested.)

Third, in the "China Mail" of Nov. 8, 1928, Mr. Adler wrote: "It is self-evident that the Parent Church has no right to associate itself with the book which is known as the Church Manual of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass."

The Christian Science Parent Church, is the only church to-day fulfilling the requirements of Mrs. Eddy's Manual—which was left as a model. In the "China Mail" of January 2, 1929, Sir Henry Japp makes it perfectly clear that Mr. Adler and other members of the Boston organisation are not abiding by the By-laws of Mr. Eddy's Manual, as in more than thirty places Mrs. Eddy's written consent is required for their fulfilment.

Fourth, in the "China Mail" of October 1, 1928, Mr. Adler wrote: "It will be seen how impossible it would be for a Christian Science Practitioner to co-operate with what is known as medical science. They are diametrically opposite, and nowhere in all her writings does Mrs. Eddy teach that the two systems can be combined." A careful perusal of Mrs. Bill's address which appeared in the "China Mail" on October 13, and 20, 1928, and also the letters from Sir Henry Japp which appeared in the "China Mail" on Sept. 28, 1928, Oct. 17, 1928, and Dec. 23, 1928; a statement by Mr. Dittmore and Mr. Beauchamp in the "China Mail" of October 23, 1928; a letter from Mrs. Vickery, Editor of the "Christian Science Watchman," in the "China Mail" of December 19, 1928, and also Mr. Dittmore's letter in the "China Mail" on Dec. 27, 1928, will show conclusively that a real and effective "forward step" has been taken in Christian Science and in accord with Mrs. Eddy's writings.

Fifth, Mr. Adler in the "South China Morning Post" of Nov. 8 wrote: "The fact is that a certain group propose that Christian Science and medical science should co-operate not only in extreme cases, but as a basis of all cases."

The last clause of the above statement is untrue. In none of the articles and letters mentioned above, nor in any other published article of the Christian Science Parent Church does anything ap-

pear which would justify Mr. Adler to make such an assertion. I hope the statement of Mr. Adler quoted above is based upon ignorance.

As Mr. Adler has truly said: "Correct views of any religion are not likely to be gained from misrepresentations." But as Mr. Dittmore replied to Mr. Adler "Merely to characterise statements by the Christian Science Parent Church as 'malicious,' 'unscrupulous,' 'erroneous,' is by no means to disprove the facts these statements present."

Sixth, Mr. Adler in the "China Mail" of October 22, 1928, referring to an address of Mrs. Bill's which appeared in the "China Mail," wrote: "The writer's remarks about Mrs. Eddy are not only malicious and unchristian, but are untrue. There is no foundation for the allegation that Mrs. Eddy was compelled to take drugs and that she passed on under suffering." He also stated that the article contained "many misrepresentations and deliberate falsehoods."

As to whether or not Mr. Adler's language is to be credited, your readers can best judge by reading the cables in the "China Mail" of Nov. 16 from both organisations on the subject.

Why have Mr. Adler's own highest church officials failed to support his statements?

It might also be pointed out that "Plain John" in the "South China Morning Post" of Nov. 14, 1928, quoted an article from the official organ of Mrs. Eddy's Church, "The Christian Science Journal," Jan. 1901, in which Mrs. Eddy explained her use of drugs in connection with dental treatment. "The Science involved is, of course, the same whether medical, surgical or dental treatment is the 'temporal means' employed," and "The correctness of the position of Mrs. Bill and the Parent Church in regard to the right use of so-called 'material means' when Christian Science has not accomplished the necessary results is confirmed by Mrs. Eddy's logical analysis, scientific explanation and individual example."—"Christian Science Watchman."

In reply to "Plain John" Mr. Adler evaded the issue and never referred to the quotation from Mrs. Eddy's article in the "Christian Science Journal." However, in the "China Mail" of December 27, Mr. Dittmore replies fully to Mr. Adler on this question. Seventh, in the "China Mail" of October 22, 1928, Mr. Adler stated that "Mr. Dittmore was compelled to withdraw from the Christian Science organisation."

In the "China Mail" of December 27, 1928, Mr. Dittmore requested Mr. Adler to publicly correct this misstatement and added: "If he practises the standard of ethics he preaches he will promptly reply."

If Mr. Adler is at the present time the Committee on Publication of the local Christian Science organisation, may I ask him kindly to explain to your readers the failure of the Boston Church executives to support his statements regarding Mrs. Eddy's use of drugs, and his own failure to comply with the request from Mr. Dittmore to correct a misstatement?

While awaiting an answer to these questions I will close, with the words of a correspondent of the Parent Church to the "Outlook," (London): "Truth is the judge. Public opinion is the jury. The record is the witness."

Yours etc.,
FANNIE BULVER BUXTON.
An Emphatic Official
Disclaimer

Notwithstanding the many published disclaimers of any connection between The Christian Science Parent Church of the New Generation and the so-called "Mother Church" perpetuating an outgrown material routine under the name of Christian Science, inquiries are occasionally made by persons who mistakenly believe that the two diametrically opposite embodiments are in some way related. Therefore it should be considered a prime responsibility of every member of The Parent Church to lose no opportunity to disclaim any connection between the two opposite standpoints.

The Parent Church can afford nothing less than to have it believed in any quarter that it sponsors or approves such scientific illegitimate activities under the name of Christian Science as old age homes, the herding together of diseased and decrepit persons for mental treatment, attempted living activity under deceased leadership justified only in the teaching of Spiritualism, perpetual contracts of membership binding under static and unamendable rules of government, etc., etc.

Christian Science is SCIENCE. It makes no concessions to persons or opinions. It is not merely a "religious" denomination. It is the present-day presentation of the infinitely unfolding order of the universal design of Life.

To seek public approval and temporal human propitiation by diluting the absolute standard of Mrs. Eddy's teaching is to violate the sacred trust she imposed upon every loyal member of her Church to *dissolve* the world's standards of life and action, not succumb to them.

The history of mortal mind repeats itself. The primitive Christian Church was swallowed up by the world, and ages of darkness ensued. Except for the minority, the "remnant" now firmly established and uplifting the unsoiled banner of *absolute* Christian Science darkness would soon again encompass the earth. But the danger is now averted by the demonstration already accomplished by a minority which has been raised up in Israel, as in similar crises in ages past, to avert the fatal collective physical penalty for a departure from the divine order of spiritual progress and unfoldment.

Let there be no confusion in the public mind henceforth. The Christian Science Parent Church of the New Generation is the antithesis of the so-called "Mother Church" organisation and disclaims all connection therewith. This fact must be universally proclaimed and understood.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF
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Another splendid added attraction is to be provided during each performance at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. Professor Otto Hartrath, a versatile musician will appear with his "Singing Saw," xylophone and flexatone instruments and on these will play popular songs and concert numbers. Professor Hartrath is an accomplished musician and is at present on a world tour having visited many cities in Europe and America and more recently in Japan and Shanghai where his performance was enthusiastically received. The "Singing Saw" is an instrument entirely new to Hong Kong and it is said that Professor Hartrath plays it in a masterly manner. Usual prices are being charged.

"WILD, WILD SUSAN"

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COMEDY

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Recently an interesting and very lively debate was held in the Chinese Students' Literary Association, Singapore, on the question: "Which is more important, duty to the family or duty to the country?" Mr. Lee Ah-kun, presiding, Mr. Tan Sim-tack, well supported by Mr. Low Kim-yong, opened the debate ably. Mr. Tan Soon-kim, the leader for the opposition was supported by Mr. Joseph Chye. A vote taken resulted in the side for the Family winning the day by a majority.

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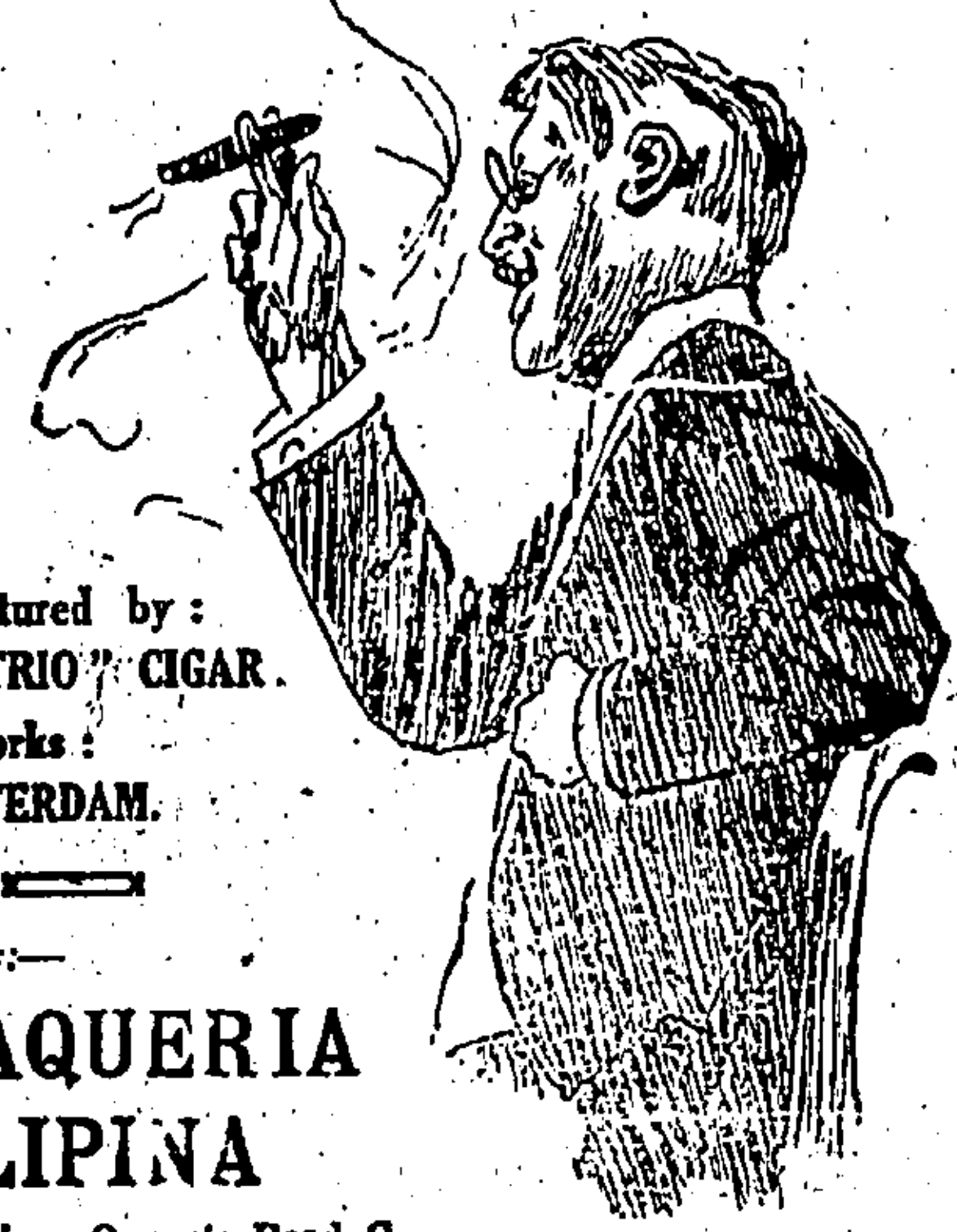
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GREETINGS

MACAO SENDS TELEGRAM TO HONG KONG

THE KING'S ILLNESS

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between H.E. the Governor of
Macao and H.E. the Officer Admin-
istering the Government of Hong
Kong on Tuesday and yesterday:

From Governor, Macao to
Governor, Hong Kong.
Wish Your Excellency and the
Colonies of Hong Kong the greatest
prosperity in the New Year, 1929,
and the complete restoration of His
Britannic Majesty.

From Governor, Hong Kong to
Governor, Macao.
I am deeply grateful to Your
Excellency for your kind enquiries
and good wishes regarding His
Majesty's health which I regret to
say still causes anxiety, though the
latest information allows us to an-
ticipate His Majesty's gradual re-
covery to complete health. I also
thank Your Excellency for your
New Year greetings and good
wishes to the Colony of Hong Kong
and to myself. They are most
heartily reciprocated. May all
good fortune attend Your Excellency
and the Colony of Macao through-
out 1929 and future years.

POLICE RESERVE

C.S.P.'S OFFICIAL ORDERS FOR THE WEEK

CHINESE INSPECTION

The Hong Kong Police Reserve
Orders by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
C.M.G., are as follows:

Police Training School
The classes for Police Reservists
will be resumed on Tuesday,
January 8 at 6 p.m.

Squad Drill
All recruits of the Chinese and
Indian Companies and of the Fly-
ing Squad will attend at Central
for Squad Drill, etc. on Thursday,
January 3 at 5.30 p.m. under Ser-
geant P. Condon. Dress—Muff.

At this parade, an examination will
be held with a view to passing out
those who are efficient in Part I.

Chinese Company
Signalling.—The Signalling Squad
will attend at the Company's Head-
quarters for instruction in Morse
and Semaphore under Mr. R. C.
Wilson on Thursday, January 3 at
6 p.m.

"First Aid to the Injured."
The class for instruction in First
Aid will commence at the Com-
pany's Headquarters on Wednesday,
January 9 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Lec-
turer—Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B.,
Edin., Divisional Surgeon of the
St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Each member will bring his own
note-book and pencil.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of
the Chinese Company will parade
at Central Police Station on Thurs-
day, January 10 for the monthly
inspection of Arms, Equipment, etc.
by the Company Commander. Fall
in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue
Uniform, Cap with White Cover;
Rifle, Belt, Side-arms, Truncheon,
Whistle, Armet, Badge, "Pocket
Policeman" and Note-Book to be
carried. Those not in possession of
Uniform will attend in Muff. No
member may be absent from this
parade without leave from the Com-
pany Commander. The Equipment
Officers will make it a point of being
present.

Indian Company
Parade.—The Indian Company
will parade at Police Headquarters
on Tuesday, January 8 for drill
under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall in
at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue
Uniform, Belt and Cap without
cover.

Flying Squad
Strength.—Constable R331 A. E.
Greenway has been permitted to re-
sign upon completing one full
year's service with effect from De-
cember 21.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take
place on Tuesday, January 8. Fall
in at the Talm-tai-tai Fire Brig-
ade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional
patrol of the Hong Kong Section on
Thursday, January 3.

Sharpshooters
Revolver Practice.—Revolver prac-
tice will be carried out at Kennedy
Road Range on Sunday, January 6
at 10 a.m. Members will assemble
at the Range at that time, with
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(Signed) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R).
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BACK IN A MONTH

MARSHAL LI TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

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Confirming the report in the
"China Mail" that he is to attend
the Disbandment Conference, Mar-
shal Li Chai-sum, prior to sailing
on the "d'Artagnan" for Shanghai,
declared that he will probably re-
turn to Canton in about a month.

Captain A. J. L. Whyte (Aide-de-
Camp to H. E. the Officer Adminis-
tering the Government) met Mar-
shal Li on the latter's arrival yester-
day afternoon by special train
at Kowloon. Mr. Kong, Siu-lui
(Chinese Telegraphs Administra-
tion, Hong Kong) also greeted Mar-
shal Li.

Mr. Tang Ka-yin (private secret-
ary) is accompanying Marshal Li
to Canton.

General Chan Ming-shu (chair-
man of the Kwangtung Provincial
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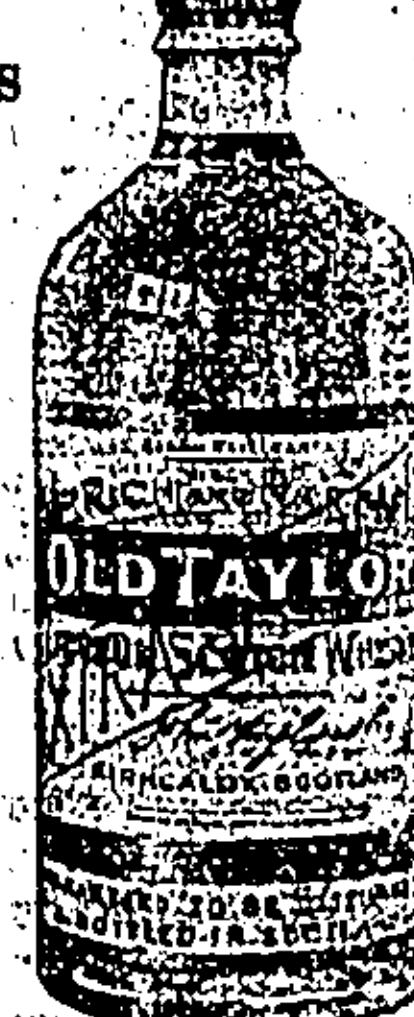
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is not waning. In fact, at this stage, with several epoch-
making events to chronicle, there is an abundance of China
news which will make welcome reading, in detail, to people
in other parts of the world."

The "Nationalist" flag has gone up in Manchuria, indicating
(at least) the nominal extension of unification to outside China
Proper. The Disbandment Conference has opened. Mr.
Edwards has sent in his resignation as officiating Inspector-
General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. His action was
followed by figures showing a record year of revenue, due
to the boom in imports to avoid, as far as possible, the higher
Tariff to come in force on Feb. 1.

The "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly
news budget published in Hong Kong, contains informative
articles and reports concerning these matters.

"Local" news is also fully "covered," among which are
occurrences such as the three Police raids on alleged Com-
munist in the Colony, the sentence to death of a man con-
victed of taking part in the piracy of a British ship, the trouble
among the complement of the British s.s. "Darcila," and
how Hong Kong spent the remainder of the festive season.

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Sport Columns

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BORDERERS BEAT THE SMALL UNITS

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

There was one First Division football match yesterday, and three in the Midweek League. Results follow:—

Division I.	
K.O.S.B.	5 Small Units .. 1
Midweek League	
Athletic	7 Lam Long Wan 0
Police	0 Two Chinese .. 0
P.W.D. Chinese ..	4 Hung Kui .. 1
Midweek League Table	
P. W. D.	L. Pts.
Athletic	11 0 1 19
South China	9 0 1 13
Lam Long Wan ..	11 5 2 4 12
P.W.D. Chinese ..	11 3 3 4 11
Two Chinese	11 3 3 5 9
Police	11 3 2 6 8
Hung Kui School ..	10 1 0 9 2

Kowloon Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI. v. Chinese Athletic on the Hong Kong Club ground on Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.:—Angus, Guest, Pike, Robson, Easterbrook, Hedley, Clemo, Hayes, Spary, Miles, Baldwin. Reserves: Davies and Hast.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. v. Eastern on Caroline Hill ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus, Moore, Hast, White, Nicholls, Blacklock, Hanman, Davies, Moss, Dunnett, Eastman. Reserves: Waddington, Seddon, King.

Football Referees' Association
The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association will be held at the Chaplains' Hut, Scandal Point, on Friday, at 6 p.m. The committee have arranged for Captain A. W. Austin, M.M., M.C., R.A., to give a lecture on "The Organisation and Administration of Football." All interested are cordially invited to attend.

CUSTOMS FIGURES

INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR 1928

LOAN SERVICES

Peking, Jan. 1.
The Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs announces that the revenue for 1928, totals HK.Tls.82,332,000; an increase of 13,597,000 taels as compared with 1927.

At an average exchange of 2/11 1/16th the revenue in sterling figures amounts to £12,028,000, as compared with £9,684,000 in 1927, when the average exchange was 2/9 13/16ths.

Provincial Details

The details of the principal provincial collections are as follows:—

Antung—2,311,000 taels, an increase of 168,000 taels.
Dairen—8,187,000 taels, an increase of 1,061,000 taels.
Newchwang—1,184,000 taels, an increase of 194,000 taels.
Tientsin and Chinwantao—9,584,000 taels, an increase of 359,000 taels.
Kiaochow—3,318,000 taels, an increase of 7,000 taels.
Hankow—6,117,000 taels, an increase of 2,209,000 taels.
Shanghai—33,659,000 taels, an increase of 7,978,000 taels.
Swatow—1,674,000 taels, an increase of 6,000 taels.
Canton—3,074,000 taels, an increase of 115,000 taels.
Harbin—2,352,000 taels, a decrease of 16,000 taels.
Amoy—1,118,000 taels, a decrease of 54,000 taels.
The Native Customs Revenue totaled 3,636,000 taels which was a decrease of 148,000 taels.

The Loan Obligations

All the foreign loan and indemnity obligations secured upon the Customs revenue have been met in full, the silver cost of which was 57,388,000 Shanghai taels.

KING FROST

HOLDS UP SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Yesterday.

*Airdrieonians v. Hamilton.
Ayr United 0, Dundee 3.
*Celtic v. Queen's Park.
Cowdenbeath 2, Kilmarnock 0.
Hearts 3, Aberdeen 2.
Motherwell 2, Falkirk 1.
Partick Thistle 0, Rangers 1.
St. Johnstone 5, Clyde 0.
*St. Mirren v. Raith.
Third Lanark 2, Hibernians 1.
*Games postponed owing to frost.

In the Northern Section of the English League Darlington and Bradford City drew, 3-3.—Reuter.

QUICK WORK

STIRLING WINS IN A ROUND

Kansas City, Yesterday.

"Young" Stirling knocked out Jack League, of Texas, the heavyweight, with a right cross to the jaw, in the first round of a ten round contest.

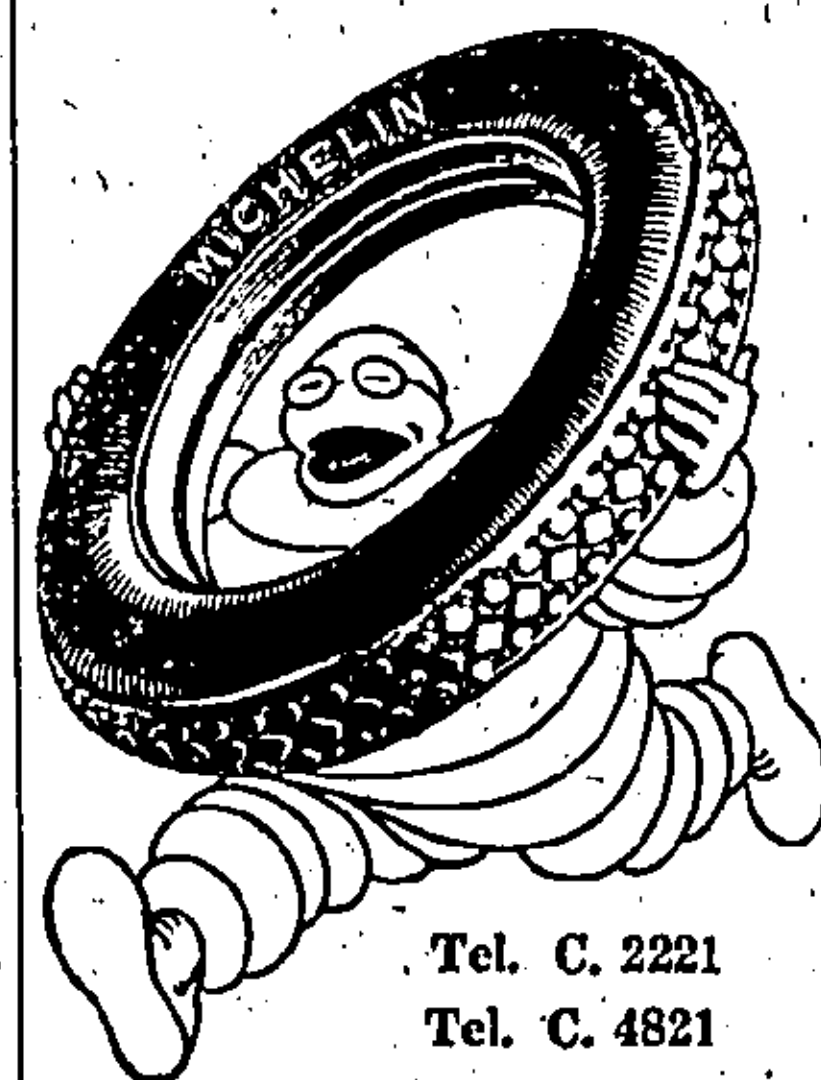
Stirling meets Jack Sharkey at Miami Beach on February 27, under the auspices of Tex Rickard. The winner will probably meet Jack Dempsey for the championship.—Reuter's American Service.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. I. Zimmern, D. K. Samy, D. Laing, C. W. Lam, A. P. Gutierrez, L. T. Ride, S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson.

The service, both interest and redemption, of all the Domestic loans secured on the cancelled indemnities have been met in full. The interest on those Domestic Loans which is secured on the Customs surplus and the service of which is under the control of the officiating Inspector General has also been met in full.
Redemption payments on several of these latter loans have also been made but such payments, owing to the insufficiency of the revenue surplus, are still in arrear of schedule.
The huge increase in the Customs revenue is attributed to the comparatively immense imports during the last quarter of the year, particularly piece goods, leaf tobacco, motor cars and flour, for the purpose of evading the new Tariff.—Reuter.

Mr. Edward Miles arrived at Malta on board the American auxiliary 10-ton yacht "Sturdy" which he sailed single-handed from New York.



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HANKOW "S.A.D.'S"

NOS. 1 & 2 TAKEN OVER BY THE MUNICIPALITY

FOREIGN HOLDERS ANXIOUS

Hankow, Yesterday.
The Wu-han Municipality official took over the administrations of special Administrative Districts Nos. 1 & 2 (the former German and Russian Concessions) yesterday, removing the archives to the native city.

The move is causing considerable anxiety among foreign property holders, but it was effected with such suddenness that no action was possible by the foreign authorities concerned, though it is expected the matter will be taken up without delay.—Reuter.

Chamber's Protest

Hankow, Yesterday.
The transfer of S.A.D.'s Nos. 1 and 2 has been the subject of a long protest by the Chamber of Commerce.

The ex-British Concession remains as the only Special Administrative District.—British Naval Wireless.

MACDONA PLAYERS

THEATRE ROYAL OPENING ON MONDAY

The Macdona Players are opening their season of Bernard Shaw's plays at the Theatre Royal on Monday next. The first play is "Pygmalion," the famous comedy.

The Players comprise a splendid aggregation of London artists. Terence O'Brien, who plays principal parts in this Company, has acted for Mr. Charles Macdona on many previous occasions. In fact, when Mr. Macdona first organised the above Company, he engaged Mr. O'Brien as his first "John Tanner."

Mr. O'Brien was associated with one of the most successful ventures which has ever visited the Far East—i.e., the Matheson Lang Company—and therefore is no stranger to audiences in India and China. Some of the parts he played in that Company were "Lorenzo," in "The Merchant of Venice," "Laertes" in "Hamlet," "Tybalt" in "Romeo and Juliet," "Brachiano" in "Much Ado about Nothing." He has had very extensive experience in principal parts, having been "leading man" in most of the Repertory Companies in Great Britain, and in all the Repertory Theatres. For example, he was at the Old Vic., playing such parts as "Othello," "Hamlet," "Petruchio," "Benedict," etc., with Sybil Thorndike.

Some of his other work includes leading parts in Birmingham Repertory Theatre productions in London; notably the first production of "Back to Methuselah," G. B. Shaw's great play which took five nights to perform. He was especially engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to play "Genesis," in the only English production so far of "The Comedian," by Henri Gheon. Also he played for a long time "Oswald" in "Ghosts," in London and in the provinces. He was also one of the leading actors in the first Benson-Shakespeare Company, which visited South Africa, and he has been associated in the London Theatres with Sir Herbert Tree, Arthur Bourchier, Leon M. Lion, Tom Walls, and J. B. Fagan under whose management he played "Orsino" in this manager's production of "Twelfth Night" which holds the record for the longest run this particular Shakespeare play has ever had.

In this present Company Mr. O'Brien will play "John Tanner" in "Man and Superman," "Higgins" in "Pygmalion," "Crofts" in Mrs. Warren's Profession, "Marchbanks" in "Candida," "Louis Dubedat" in "The Doctor's Dilemma," etc.

During the last few years Mr. O'Brien has been playing and producing in London, and finally, this spring he went into management on his own account, and took Strindberg's play "The Father" into the provinces, after its very successful production in London. He looks forward with great pleasure to playing before Far Eastern audiences again.

WOMEN'S SKIRTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Macnamara replied that he could call the coxswain of the launch but he did not think he had a case to answer. He had a lot of authorities to show that his Lordship should enter a non-suit.

Company's Stand

Plaintiff must prove her case beyond reasonable doubt, Mr. Macnamara submitted, she must also prove with reasonable certainty what the cause of the fire was. The mere occurrence of an accident was not proof of negligence. Even if a coal or hot ashes fell from the smokestack, that was not evidence of negligence. It might be absolutely inevitable that such a thing should happen, even if the launch was properly built and manned and the correct kind of coal used. It was just as likely that the fire was caused by a cigarette and or a cigar end thrown overboard from the "Paul Leat."

The company regretted the accident very much but they were taking the point of principle. If the mere happening of an accident was to be construed into a finding of negligence against the company, then it altered the whole of their position with regard to their passengers. The accident, however unfortunate, did not fix any liability on the company unless it was proved that it was due to their negligence.

Neglect Not Proved

Mr. Prior pointed out that everything was under the control of the defendant company.

His Lordship observed that there seemed to be no evidence of negligence as they did not know how the fire occurred.

Mr. Prior submitted that if launches were properly constructed and properly looked after, they would not catch fire.

His Lordship said that it was up to the plaintiff to show that the fire was due to neglect on the part of the company. Even it was known to have been caused by a spark from the funnel of the launch, he was not sure that he would not require further evidence to show that it was due to some neglect on the part of those in charge of the launch.

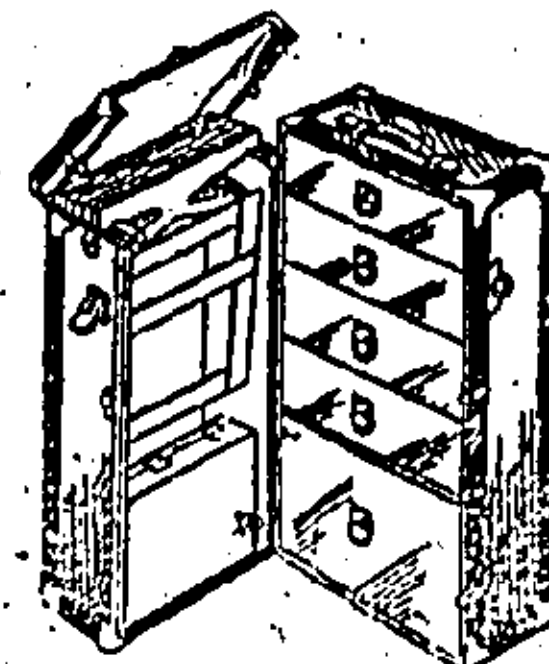
The fire might have occurred in other ways, and, in the absence of any evidence as to any negligence, he gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

H. H. the Sultan of Perak visited Teluk Anson and a garden party was given in his honour by Mr. A. S. Haynes, the District Officer. His Highness arrived in Kuala Lumpur for the Turf Club amateur meeting, says the "Malay Mail."

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. W. H. Cochrane, General Adviser, Johore, as acting British Resident, Selangor, was notified in a supplement to the F.M.S. Gazette dated Dec. 4.

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RESIGNATION OF THE COALITION MINISTRY

SERES AND CROATS

Belgrade, Yesterday.
King Alexander has accepted the resignation of Father Koroshetz's Coalition Ministry, which has split over the Serb-Croat quarrel. The democrats favour conciliating the Croats who are now boycotting Parliament, whereas the Radicals and other Coalitionists oppose the conciliation.—Reuter.

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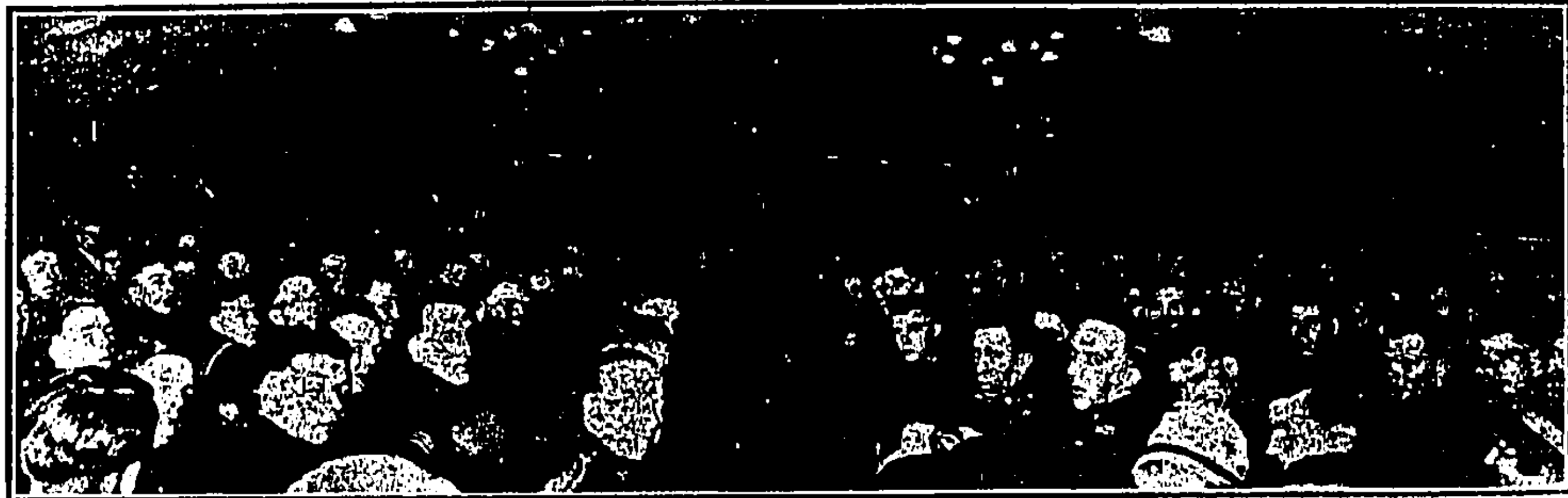
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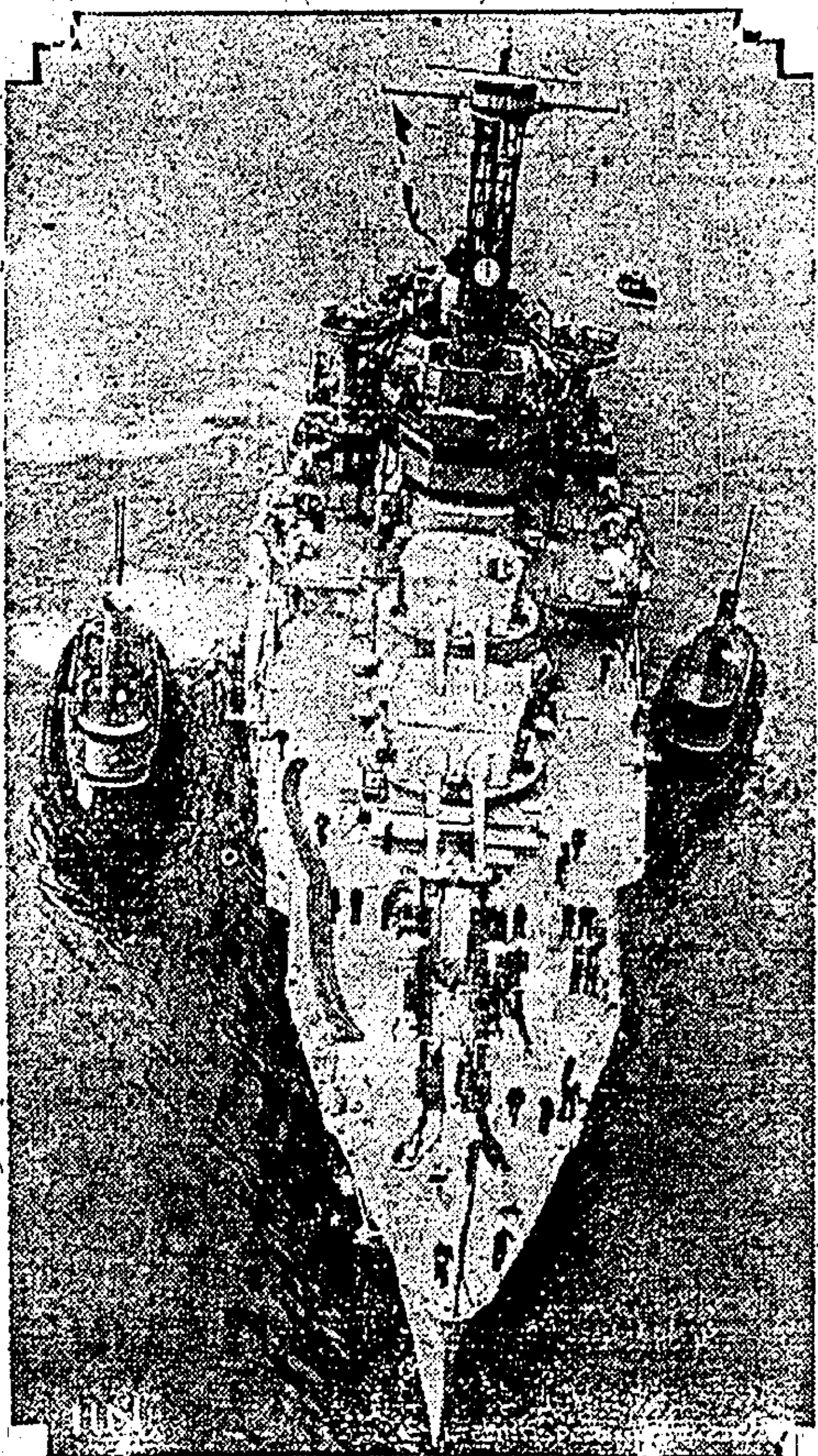
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

First Monthly Concert



This season, for sailors and soldiers of all nationalities at Shanghai was given to a packed house at the Navy Y.M.C.A. when Brigadier G. C. Bennett, O.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C. (commanding the 14th Infantry Brigade and the Shanghai area) representing H.E. the General Officer Commanding, North China (Major-General A. E. Wardrop, C.B., C.M.G.), warmly thanked Lt.-Col. Kilgore and the 4th Regimental Band of the U.S. Marine Corps for their delightful music rendered under the able direction of 1st Sgt. M. A. Shaw. The British Choir also took part, singing very well under their conductor, Mr. C. J. van Heyst.—(Ah Fong).

An "Elevation" View



A remarkable elevation view of the U.S.S. "Utah," taken as the superdreadnought approached the Brooklyn Navy Yard to be tied up for President-Elect Hoover's "goodwill trip."

One of the "Vestris" Rescues



Taken from the a.s. "Berlin," showing how a woman survivor of the "Vestris," encircled by life preserver, was moved alongside the ship preparatory to being taken aboard. Note the choppyness of the sea which made rescue work perilous for all concerned.

Standard Oil Millions



Millicent Rogers Ramos (above) heiress to some of the Standard Oil millions, who has given birth to a son, who is half-brother to Peter Salm. Lucet, Arturo Ramos, the heiress' wealthy Argentine husband, and, above, an artist's idea of how Count Salm von Hoogstraten appeared during his domestic squabbles.

"I Didn't Want to Live"



Crying happy tears, Mrs. Cline Slaughter told her husband she had given him up for lost and wanted to die when it seemed that he was victim of the "Vestris" tragedy. Here they are in each other's arms. Mrs. Slaughter wearing a pair of trousers and sweater belonging to member of a rescuing crew. Inset, close-up of Mrs. Slaughter.

Trip to the Moon!



Mr. M. R. Esnault-Pelterie, an English scientist and inventor, who talked of a trip to the moon via the rocket route. Mr. Pelterie, the inventor of the "joy stick" of the aeroplane, went into detail of the method of using a giant rocket for the trip.

Boy King



An unusually fine—and the latest—portrait of King Michel of Roumania, taken on his seventh birthday.

Viscount Cecil



Viscount Cecil, famous for his diplomatic and political work, who has been named as a candidate for the Nobel prize. He was the recipient of the first Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award of \$5,000.

Pioneer Aviator



Anthony Fokker, the pioneer aeroplane builder and aviator.

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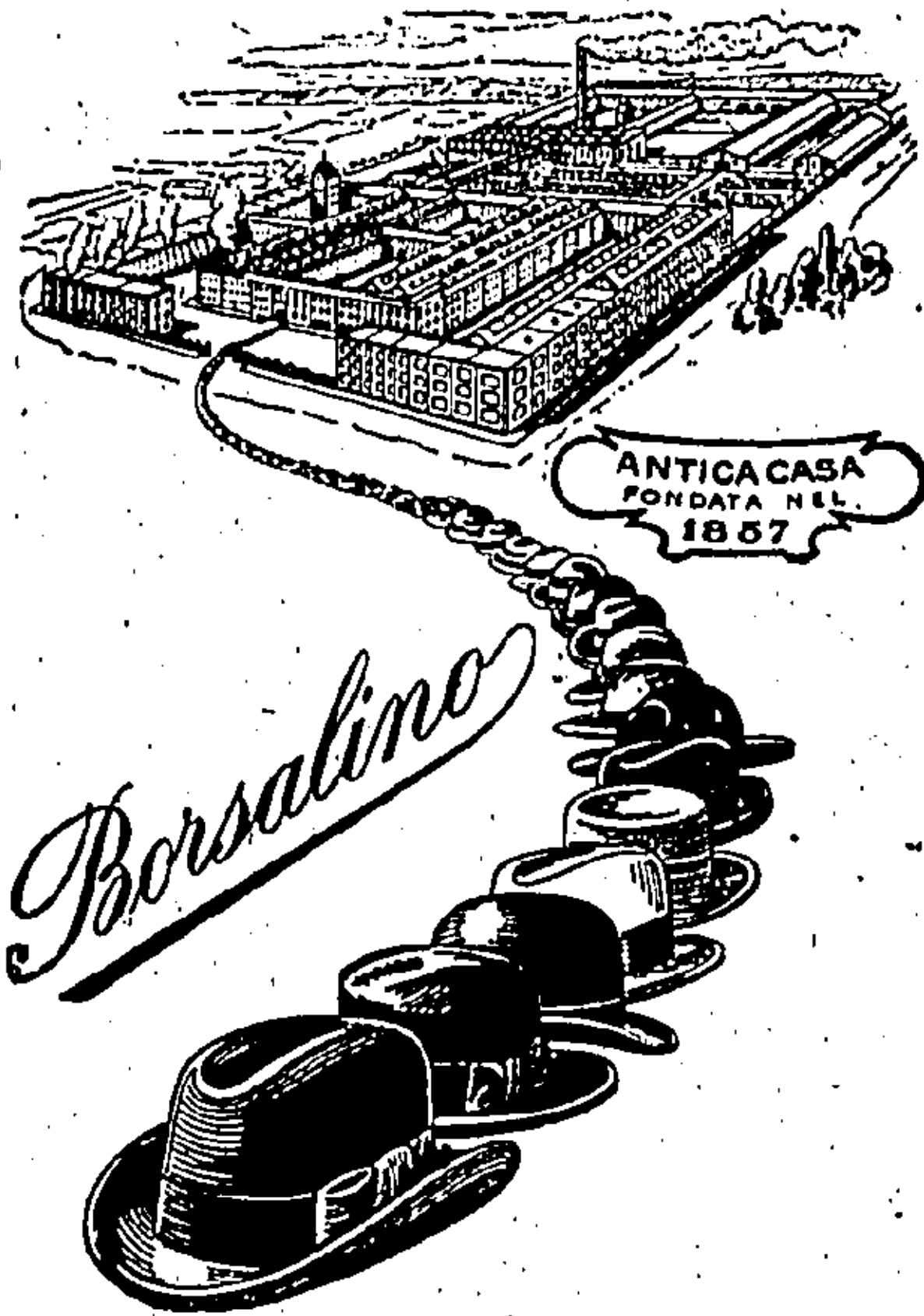
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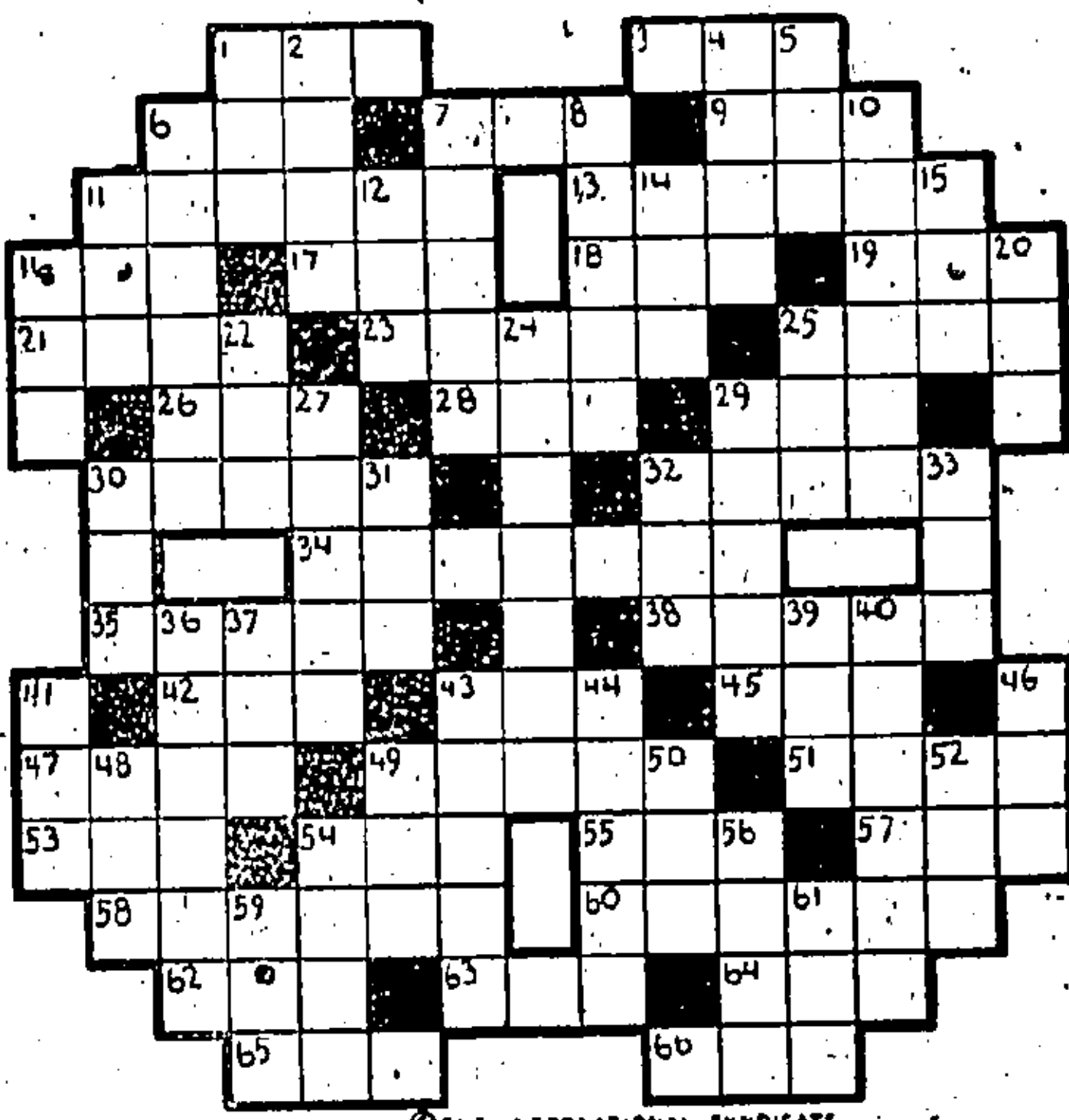
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A Japanese statesman
- 3-Man's name
- 6-African antelope
- 7-Talk nonsense (slang)
- 9-To invite
- 11-A coast city of Maine
- 12-An explosive device
- 13-To confine
- 14-A mineral spring
- 15-A tree
- 16-Part of the head
- 21-Girl's name (Russian)
- 23-To divide
- 25-The cup bearer of Olympus
- 26-Expecially (abbr.)
- 28-One (German)
- 29-Receptacle
- 30-Province N. E. India
- 32-The highest point (pl.)
- 34-Country in Asia
- 35-A country, S. E. England
- 38-An instant
- 42-People (abbr.)
- 43-Twice
- 45-Interjection, contempt

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-An English tragedian
- 49-A Latin people, V. Africa
- 51-A mountain in Mead (Dib.)
- 53-To sin
- 54-Planner
- 55-A bird of night
- 57-Street (French)
- 59-A Moorish kettle-drum
- 60-Greek personification of riches
- 62-A Norwegian political writer
- 63-Word of ascent
- 64-To cry convulsively
- 65-King (Latin)
- 66-Interjection

VERTICAL

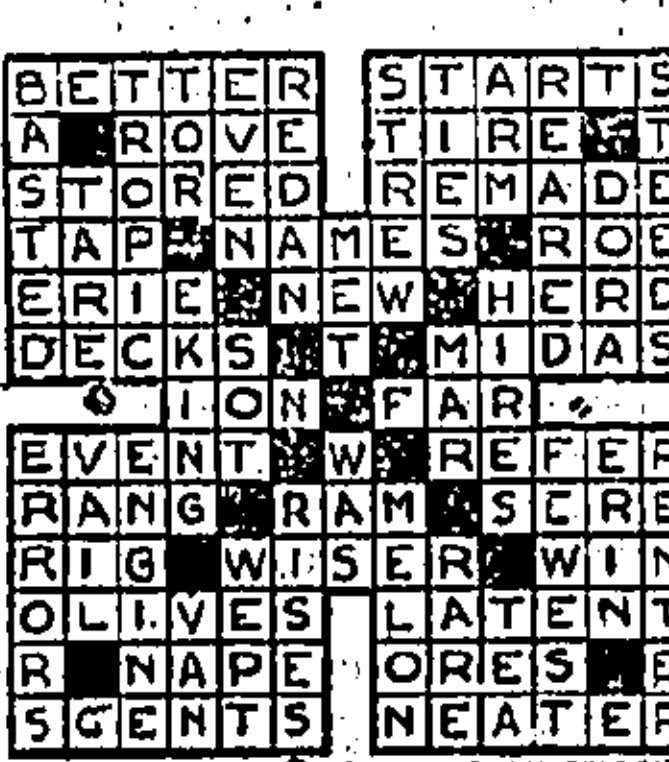
- 1-A hostelry
- 2-Pills
- 4-A son of Adam
- 6-A Turkish general
- 8-The sacred river of India
- 7-A fruit
- 8-Country of Europe
- 10-Country of highest culture of antiquity
- 11-Chief god of the Babylonians

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-The goddess of plenty
- 14-Established (abbr.)
- 15-To pat softly
- 16-Seed case
- 20-A color
- 22-Seat of burden
- 24-Republic on W. coast of Africa
- 25-A son of Noah
- 27-A walk (Spanish)
- 29-A lapped joint
- 30-A matt liquor
- 31-To join in conflict
- 32-A river, island
- 33-To observe
- 36-Town in S. Greece
- 37-Japanese coin
- 39-An electrified atom
- 40-An angelic being
- 41-Same as "each"
- 43-Large of body
- 44-Spills
- 46-Garden implement
- 48-Timo period
- 49-Pref. Through
- 50-Pointed tool
- 52-Wheeled vehicle
- 54-Competent
- 56-Green and fresh
- 59-Swiss river
- 61-Also

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1829
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Byrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai-koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Boyce Road (Allerbeds)	297
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor and H. M. V. Records).

"Out of the Night."

Percy Hemling. Baritone.

"The Yeoman's Wedding."

Percy Hemling. Baritone.

"Come Unto Him," Messiah.

Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Messiah.

Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"Country Dance," Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Pastoral Dance," Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Ah Moon Of My Delight."

Tudor Davis. Tenor.

"On Wings Of Song."

Tudor Davis. Tenor.

"The Mill Wheel."

Robert Radford. Bass.

"The Sergeant's Song."

Robert Radford. Bass.

"Jean," John Turner. Tenor.

"Thank God For A Garden,"

John Turner. Tenor.

"Deep In My Heart Dear,"

Fritz Kreisler.

"Indian Love Call," Fritz Kreisler.

"Spanish Caprice," Rimsky Korsakov.

San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

"Gems from Tip-Toes,"

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Gems from Merry-Merry,"

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Ay-Ay-Ay," Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Cancion Andaluza,"

Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Elli, Elli," (My Lord, My Lord)

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Kol Nidre," (All Vows)

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Tales from the Vienna Woods,"

Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

"Brigg Fair," Dolius.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Bavarian Dance," Op. 27 Elgar.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Over The Waves," Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

"Danube Waves," Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

News Bulletin.

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God Save The King.

Close Down.

A return of Chinese deck passengers who left Singapore for China during November shows that the total number was 12,515, compared with 16,069. The total number leaving Singapore up to the end of November was 130,935 compared with 142,531, for the whole of 1927. A return of the Chinese immigrants arriving at Singapore up to the end of November shows a total of 15,887, against 21,240 for the corresponding month last year: the totals for 1928 up to the end of November being 278,163 and for the whole of 1927 366,722.

Seven Nationalist members left Ulster Parliament, Belfast, as a protest against the suspension of seven members of the Opposition.

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ENERGETIC BISHOP

Dr. F. C. Burkitt, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University, is being pestered by a professional beggar who is trying to obtain money from various people on the pretext of being his cousin.

Dr. Burkitt wishes to warn people through "The Daily Mail" against this man, who calls himself John Birkitt and alleges that he is an ex-soldier who fought in Mesopotamia. Dr. Burkitt said to a reporter that twice he had helped Birkitt with gifts of money, and added:

"A few days ago I received a telegram from Wells, in Somerset, saying, 'Please send money to Wells Post Office, Somerset—John.'"

"I took no notice of it, and on the following day I received a letter from my friend the Bishop of Bath and Wells warning me against this man."

He had apparently called upon the bishop and begged for money. He showed the bishop a letter which I had written him wishing him luck, and he told the bishop that he was a cousin of mine. The bishop, however, quickly realised that he was a fraud and turned him out."



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"It was a friend who advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I am glad I did, for even after the first bottle I noticed an improvement in my condition. So I continued the treatment until the dizzy spells ceased to worry me, my nerves were restored, and so were my appetite and peaceful sleep. I feel ever so much healthier and stronger since taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and am thankful for what they have done for me."

It is upon such personal experiences as that of Mr. Banda that the world-wide reputation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People as a blood and nerve tonic restorative has been built up. If you are suffering from any trouble due to poor blood or disordered nerves be wise and let them begin their good work for you to-day. Your chemist sells Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but be sure and ask for Dr. Williams'; nothing else is "just as good."

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EFFECT OF COMBINES ON THE BRITISH PRESS

WHAT THE ECONOMIST SAYS

In its latest issue the "Economist" publishes an extremely interesting article on the contemporary British Press and the consequences of the present rivalry between various interests in bringing newspaper properties under one control.

The article traces this development of a "trustified" Press from the death of Lord Northcliffe in 1922, and thus comments upon the facts.

"Unlike the founder of the 'Daily Mail,' who had something of an artist's love for the productions of his restless genius, the post-war controllers of the greatest Press combines appear to have aimed partly at 'power,' but predominantly at commercial profit. With a few notable exceptions the British Press consists no longer of 'organs of opinion.' If its direct influence on public policy and thought is small—as we believe it to be—one reason is that the men who have obtained the largest measure of control over this powerful weapon have to a very large extent been mastered by the colossal they have created and have been compelled to give first heed to commercial considerations rather than the advancement of any moral or political purpose."

The Reader's Feelings

"To the readers of a quarter of a century ago the daily newspaper of his choice had the intimate quality of a personality. It is a quality unsensitized to-day by the reader, who inevitably feels—he he never so securely 'registered'—that he is but a cipher in the seven-figure 'net sales' certificate whereby one unit of a combine's 'multiple' Press seeks to expand its advertisement revenue. "While the developments we have traced are the inevitable result of modern methods of newspaper production, nevertheless, from the aspect of the public interest, there is little in the development of the Press combines to admire and much to regret. Alike in the competitive antics of some of our noisiest dailies and weeklies, in the frank avowal of Mr. Harrison that he buys journals to find a market for paper, and in the manner in which the Berrys and Lord Rothermere have bought up to-day a Liberal, to-morrow a Tory, newspaper, there is an underlying cynicism which is repugnant to the best traditions of British journalism, tends to give colour to the belief that democracy is 'up against' a solidly hostile 'Capitalist Press,' and undoubtedly weakens the influence of the newspaper as a factor in the formation of right opinion."

MR. REGGIE DENNY

MARRIED TO HIS FORMER LEADING LADY

Hollywood. — Mr. Reginald Denny, the British-born film star, was married recently at Beverly Hills to Miss Isabelle Stelfox, who was formerly his leading lady, and is known as "Bubbles."

Mr. Denny received the final decree of divorce from his first wife, Irene Halsman, the day before the ceremony.

Mr. Denny was formerly in an English opera company and he served in the war with the Royal Flying Corps. He lived in London in poverty and had to work his passage to the United States, where he found fame and fortune. The first Mrs. Denny was granted the custody of their child and alimony of £50 a week—"British United Press."

Mr. J. J. Clancy, K. C., Irish Nationalist M.P. for North Dublin 1885-1918 died recently at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, aged 81.

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From THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.
Straits Allpore
Japan Kamakura Maru
Shanghai Lianchow

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

Australia & Manila Talping
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London,
6th Dec. and parcels 29th Nov.) Morea
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London,
13th and 14th Dec. Mantua
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai President McKinley
Japan Burma Maru
Japan Mexico Maru

MONDAY, JANUARY 7.

Australia & Manila Arafura
Manila President Taft
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.
Shanghai Perseus

OUTWARD MAILS.

For THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Amoy Tykembang 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Glenahane 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiching 1 p.m.
Japan Allpore 3.30 p.m.
Mombasa, Lorence-Marques and
South Africa via Singapore Kamakura Maru 3.30 p.m.
Touane Chung Kong 3.30 p.m.
Amoy Santhia 5 p.m.

Australia (except Thursday Island
and Cairns) and New Zealand via
Brisbane—due Brisbane, 22nd
Jan. Registration (Jan. 4) 5 p.m.
Letters (Jan. 5) 8.30 a.m. Burma Maru

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-
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Parcels (Jan. 4) 4.30 p.m. Regis-
tration (Jan. 5) 9 a.m. Letters
(Jan. 5) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels
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(Jan. 5) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Jan.
5) 10.30 a.m. Mantua

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

Shanghai, Japan & Europe via
Siberia Morea 8.30 a.m.
Japan Proteslaus 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 1 p.m.
Letters 2 p.m. Namsang
Manila President McKinley 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen Lianchow 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6.

Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Chengtu 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kalgan 9 a.m.

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London, Jan. 1.
A new type of machine has been
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The machine has been designed
by Mr. Simmonds, who was formerly
on the technical staff of the con-
structors of the well-known Super-
marine Southampton Flyingboats,
and has been named the Simmonds
Spartan.

The whole of the first batch of
twelve machines has been ordered
and the first machine will be sent
to America on Thursday.

Australia has ordered three for
private owners, one is going to
South Africa, more are booked for
the United States and the remain-
der are for home purchasers.

The main claim for the new
machine is in the method of mak-
ing all wings interchangeable and
also such parts as ailerons, eleva-
tors, rudder, tail piece, fin and
flying wires.

The basis of this construction is
the use of symmetrical wing sec-
tions, and although it has always
been considered that they have cer-
tain disadvantages compared with
the more usual wing with different
camber top and bottom the de-
signer of the Spartan claims that
the particular section he has
evolved compares well with those
used on other light aircraft.

The engine is the Cirrus mark
III which is a development of the
type already widely circulated over
the world. Its maximum speed is
stated to be 103 miles an hour—
British Wireless Service.

AFGHANISTAN

AMANULLAH PAYING LIBERAL COMPENSATION

London, Jan. 1.
It is learned that messages are
now arriving in London with fair
regularity from the British Lega-
tion at Kabul, but they hardly re-
fer to the situation in Afghanistan,
but mainly relate to plans for
the evacuation of foreign nationals,
which the British Government has
undertaken.

Evacuation is not yet complete,
though efforts have met with great
success.
It is surmised that all serious
fighting between the Government
troops and the rebels has been
suspended owing to the severity of
the wintry conditions.

A message from Peshawar states
that King Amanullah has reward-
ed his troops at Kabul with two
months' extra pay for their repulse
of the rebels, and the King has also
increased the pay of his bodyguard
from fourteen to twenty rupees per
month. It also appears that
villages have been liberally com-
pensated for losses due to the rebel
raids.

Another rebel concentration is
improbable before the spring, owing
to the severe cold in Kabul.

The Afghan Legation in London
to-day stated that all fighting has
ceased and that peace negotiations
are now proceeding. It is hoped
that the country will soon return
to normal.

The Legation denies recent re-
ports that a section of the Army
has revolted, and expresses the
opinion that the foreign women and
children who have been evacuated
by the British R.A.F. machines will
probably be able to return to Kabul
shortly.—Reuter.

THE "GAZETTE DU FRANC" SENSATION

APPOINTMENTS

NEW RESIDENTS FOR MOROCCO AND TUNISIA

M. M. SAINT AND MANCERON

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Lucien Saint, Resident Gen-
eral of Tunisia, has been appointed
Resident General of Morocco, and
M. Manceron, Prefet of Moselle,
Resident of Tunisia.—Havas.

OH, ARE YOU!

(Continued From Page 1.)

police to send up someone "who
understood things."

The witness was refused en-
trance to the house until the arrival
of Sub-Inspector Logan. After wit-
ness had produced the warrant to
the Inspector and explained mat-
ters, the latter told witness to carry
on with his duty, and together they
went to the roof of the servants'
quarters where they found the
green wild wood.

Replying to Mr. Andrewes, Mr.
Carr said that the wood found on
the roof was green and of similar
nature to the stumps he had found
in the plantation, and must have
been cut within a week. Most of
the wood on the roof appeared to
be split wild tree trunks.

The defendant was away from the
house at the time of the search so
the witness waited for him. When
the defendant came at about 3.45
p.m., the witness heard the head
foreman question him. Witness
heard the accused admit that the
wood found on the roof was his, and
that he had cut it from the hillside
above the house. Defendant was
then taken into custody.

Questions

Answering Mr. Andrewes, the wit-
ness said that the area of Col. Bird's
property was 50 feet all round the
house, and most of the 40 odd
stumps the witness saw were out-
side this circumference.

Questioned by Mr. Andrewes as
to how he knew the boundary of Col.
Bird's property, Mr. Carr said that
50 feet was the usual area on the
Peak. Witness admitted, however,
that he had not been to the Land
Office to verify his estimate.

When defendant was asked if he
had any questions to put to Mr.
Carr, Mrs. Bird started to ask some-
thing, when the Magistrate remark-
ed that he could not allow questions
from her.

The defendant repeated his state-
ment that he had only cut boughs
which overhung the garden.
Mr. Lindsell then said that if the
defendant's employer had any ques-
tion to suggest she could put them
through Mr. Andrewes.

Mrs. Bird replied that she had no
questions to ask. She explained that
she had been asked to question Mr.
Carr. She did not understand the
procedure of the Court.

Two Witnesses

After the head foreman had cor-
roborated Mr. Carr's evidence that
defendant admitted that he had cut
the wood from a pine plantation out-
side the garden, defendant elected to
call the house coolie and assistant
house coolie, who, he claimed, knew
how he came by the wood. Defen-
dant further denied that he had said
anything about the pine plantation,
but told the head foreman what he
had told the Court.

The head foreman was emphatic
that defendant did not say that he
had merely cut overhanging boughs,
whereupon the Magistrate gave a re-
mand until to-morrow morning for
the attendance of the defendant's
two witnesses. Bail was allowed in
the sum of \$50.

TRANSPORT BACK

H.M.'s transport "Nouralla" with
the 2nd Batt. the Suffolk Regt.
(bound for India) and half of the
1st Batt. the Northampton Regt.
(bound for Malta) both being units
in the North China Command, ar-
rived here this morning from
Shanghai, en route for the des-
tinations mentioned.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on
demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

THE "GAZETTE DU FRANC" SENSATION

DUC INDICTED

ALLEGED TO HAVE RECEIVED FRS. 1,830,000

PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Paris, Yesterday.

The Duc Dayen, one of the direc-
tors of the "Interpresse," indicted
on a charge of swindling and abuse
of confidence, interrogated by the
examining magistrate in the gazette
du Franc case, described his
business relations with Madame
Hanaou.

It is alleged that Dayen ficti-
tiously subscribed for shares in
various undertakings under her
auspices for the sum of 1,830,000
francs.

Dayen has been left provisionally
at liberty.—Reuter.

SIR CHAS. MACARA

ONE OF LANCASHIRE'S "COTTON KINGS"

DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

London, Yesterday.

Sir Charles Macara, the well-
known cotton magnate, died to-day
at his home at Altrincham, Che-
shire, aged nearly 83. He was
recognised all over the world as
one of the "Kings of the cotton
industry."

"Despite his age, he had applied
his wisdom and experience since
the war to grappling with the trou-
bles of Lancashire."

He was Chairman of the Provi-
sional Emergency Cotton Com-
mittee set up in 1922. From
1892 to 1926 he was Chairman of
the Manchester Cotton Employers'
Association and, from 1894 to 1914
President of English Federation of
Master Cotton Spinners.

Outside his business sphere Sir
Charles Macara was prominently
identified with the National Life-
boat movement.—British Wireless
Service.

REPARATIONS

GERMANY PAYING UP

Berlin, Jan. 1.

Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-
General for Reparations Payments,
says in the Fourth Anniversary Year
report that Germany has again
made all payments required of her,
namely 1,750,000,000 gold marks,
loyally and punctually.

The British share is 373,250,000
marks, of which 13,000,000 marks is
used for the expenses of the British
Army of Occupation in the Rhine-
land Zones.

France's share is 1,000,000,000
marks of which 50,000,000 marks is
devoted to the service of the
French Army on the Rhine.

Germany's Finances
Mr. Parker Gilbert, reporting on
Germany's financial position gener-
ally, again draws attention to
the sweeping increases in official
salaries and pensions, and the con-
tinuing drain of the financial
settlement between the Reich and
the States Communes.

In connection with this latter
arrangement, Mr. Gilbert declares
that the German Government by
taking practical steps to protect
its own budget, can save hundreds
of millions of marks.

He adds: There can be no ques-
tion of the ability of the budget
of the Reich to provide the full
amount of its standard contribu-
tion under the experts' plan, name-
ly 2,500,000,000 gold marks in the
year 1928-29.

It is announced that Sir Josiah
Stamp, who was one of the British
representatives on the Dawes Com-
mission, and Lord Revelstoke, who
is a director of the Bank of Eng-
land, have been appointed to act
as the British representatives on
the Committee of Experts which is
to go into the problem of reparations.

Mr. Gilbert Unpopular

Berlin, Yesterday.
Mr. Parker Gilbert is in no wise
popular since the publication of his
annual report portraying a rosy
condition in the German economic
situation, which the newspapers un-
animously affirm was not justified
and unfair because it was likely
to create an erroneous impression
in the minds of the new Com-
mission of Experts.—Reuter.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—For some months I have followed with intense interest the correspondence in the Press on the subject of Christian Science.

As a member of the Christian Science Parent Church, I acknowledge with deep gratitude Mrs. Annie C. Bill as the leader of the Christian Science Church of today.

In the circumstances I am impelled to request space for this letter, the first I have written to the Press, in order to enlighten your readers on certain aspects of the situation in the Christian Science field, which may not seem clear, owing to the manner in which they have been treated by the local Committee on Publication of the Boston organisation.

First, Mr. Adler writing officially as the Committee of Publication has on numerous occasions endeavoured to stress the fact that the organisation which he represents has no connection with the Christian Science Parent Church or its official organ "The Christian Science Watchman." That there may be no misunderstanding, I enclose for publication an article from the "Christian Science Watchman" entitled "An Emphatic Official Disclaimer." A disclaimer appears in every issue of the "Christian Science Watchman."

It is evident from the enclosed statement that the Christian Science Parent Church does not approve of such activities as the establishment of old age homes, or "attempted living activity under deceased leadership justified only in the teaching of spiritualism." When the Directors of the so-called "Mother Church" placed Mrs. Eddy's name again at the head of active church officials, after an absence of some years, several well-known spiritualists in America made comments of an appreciative nature.

Second, Mr. Adler has mentioned on several occasions that Mrs. Bill, the leader of the Christian Science movement, resigned from the Mother Church in 1903. If Mr. Adler has ever read the pamphlet, "Human Waymarks," by Mrs. Bill, he will know that Mrs. Bill's resignation was due to the action of the Directors in Boston upholding the officials of "Third Church of Christ Scientist, London, in prohibiting its members from discussing the subject of Christian Science with one of its former members. Such a curtailment of human liberties by an ecclesiastical edict was so contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ and Mrs. Eddy, that Mrs. Bill was compelled to withdraw from the organisation to which Mr. Adler belongs. (A copy of this pamphlet is sent you for the use of those interested).

Third, in the "China Mail" of Nov. 8, 1928, Mr. Adler wrote: "It is self-evident that the Parent Church has no right to associate itself with the book which is known as the Church Manual of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass."

The Christian Science Parent Church, is the only church to-day fulfilling the requirements of Mrs. Eddy's Manual—which was left as a model. In the "China Mail" of January 2, 1929, Sir Henry Japp makes it perfectly clear that Mr. Adler and other members of the Boston organisation are not abiding by the By-laws of Mr. Eddy's Manual, as in more than thirty places Mrs. Eddy's written consent is required for their fulfilment.

Fourth, in the "China Mail" of October 1, 1928, Mr. Adler wrote: "It will be seen how impossible it would be for a Christian Science Practitioner to co-operate with what is known as medical science. They are diametrically opposite, and nowhere in all her writings does Mrs. Eddy teach that the two systems can be combined." A careful perusal of Mrs. Bill's address which appeared in the "China Mail" on October 13, and 20, 1928; and also the letters from Sir Henry Japp which appeared in the "China Mail" on Sept. 28, 1928, Oct. 17, 1928, and Dec. 23, 1928; a statement by Mr. Dittmore and Mr. Beauchamp in the "China Mail" of October 23, 1928; a letter from Mrs. Vickery, Editor of the "Christian Science Watchman," in the "China Mail" of December 19, 1928, and also Mr. Dittmore's letter in the "China Mail" on Dec. 27, 1928, will show conclusively that a real and effective "forward step" has been taken in Christian Science and in accord with Mrs. Eddy's writings.

Fifth, Mr. Adler in the "South China Morning Post" of Nov. 8 wrote: "The fact is that a certain group propose that Christian Science and medical science should co-operate not only in extreme cases, but as a basis of all cases." The last clause of the above statement is untrue. In none of the articles and letters mentioned above, nor in any other published article of the Christian Science Parent Church does anything ap-

pear which would justify Mr. Adler to make such an assertion. I hope the statement of Mr. Adler quoted above is based upon ignorance.

As Mr. Adler has truly said: "Correct views of any religion are not likely to be gained from misrepresentations." But as Mr. Dittmore replied to Mr. Adler: "Merely to characterise statements by the Christian Science Parent Church as 'malicious,' 'unscrupulous,' 'erroneous,' is by no means to disprove the facts these statements present."

Sixth, Mr. Adler in the "China Mail" of October 22, 1928, referring to an address of Mrs. Bill's which appeared in the "China Mail," wrote: "The writer's remarks about Mrs. Eddy are not only malicious and untrue, but are untrue. There is no foundation for the allegation that Mrs. Eddy was compelled to take drugs and that she passed on under suffering." He also stated that the article contained "many misrepresentations and deliberate falsehoods."

As to whether or not Mr. Adler's language is to be credited, your readers can best judge by reading the cables in the "China Mail" of Nov. 16 from both organisations on the subject.

Why have Mr. Adler's own highest church officials failed to support his statements?

It might also be pointed out that "Plain John" in the "South China Morning Post" of Nov. 14, 1928, quoted an article from the official organ of Mrs. Eddy's Church, "The Christian Science Journal," Jan. 1901, in which Mrs. Eddy explained her use of drugs in connection with dental treatment. "The Science involved is, of course, the same whether medical, surgical or dental treatment is the 'temporal means' employed," and "The correctness of the position of Mrs. Bill and the Parent Church in regard to the right use of so-called 'material means' when Christian Science has not accomplished the necessary results is confirmed by Mrs. Eddy's logical analysis, scientific explanation and individual example."—"Christian Science Watchman."

In reply to "Plain John" Mr. Adler evaded the issue and never referred to the quotation from Mrs. Eddy's article in the "Christian Science Journal." However, in the "China Mail" of December 27 Mr. Dittmore replies fully to Mr. Adler on this question.

Seventh, in the "China Mail" of October 22, 1928, Mr. Adler stated that "Mr. Dittmore was compelled to withdraw from the Christian Science organisation."

In the "China Mail" of December 27, 1928, Mr. Dittmore requested Mr. Adler to publicly correct this misstatement and added: "If he practises the standard of ethics he preaches he will promptly reply."

If Mr. Adler is at the present time the Committee on Publication of the local Christian Science organisation, may I ask him kindly to explain to your readers the failure of the Boston Church executives to support his statements regarding Mrs. Eddy's use of drugs, and his own failure to comply with the request from Mr. Dittmore to correct a misstatement?

While awaiting an answer to these questions I will close with the words of a correspondent of the Parent Church to the "Outlook" (London): "Truth is the judge. Public opinion is the jury. The record is the witness."

Yours etc.,

FANNIE BULVER BUXTON.

An Emphatic Official Disclaimer

Notwithstanding the many published disclaimers of any connection between The Christian Science Parent Church of the New Generation and the so-called "Mother Church" perpetuating an outgrown material routine under the name of Christian Science, inquiries are occasionally made by persons who mistakenly believe that the two diametrically opposite embodiments are in some way related. Therefore it should be considered a prime responsibility of every member of The Parent Church to lose no opportunity to disclaim any connection between the two opposite standpoints.

The Parent Church can afford nothing less than to have it believed in any quarter that it sponsors or approves such scientifically illegitimate activities under the name of Christian Science as old age homes, the herding together of diseased and decrepit persons for mental treatment, attempted living activity under deceased leadership justified only in the teaching of Spiritualism, perpetual contracts of membership binding under static and unamendable rules of government, etc., etc.

Christian Science is SCIENCE. It makes no concessions to persons or opinions. It is not merely a "religious" denomination. It is the present-day presentation of the infinitely unfolding order of the universal design of Life.

To seek public approval and temporal human approbation by diluting the absolute standard of Mrs. Eddy's teaching is to violate the sacred trust she imposed upon every loyal member of her Church to dissolve the world's standards of life and action, not succumb to them.

The history of mortal mind repeats itself. The primitive Christian Church was swallowed up by the world, and ages of darkness ensued. Except for the minority, the "remnant" now firmly established and uplifting the unsoiled banner of absolute Christian Science darkness would soon again encompass the earth. But the danger is now averted by the demonstration already accomplished by a minority which has been raised up in Israel, as in similar crises in ages past, to avert the fatal collective physical penalty for a departure from the divine order of spiritual progress and unfoldment.

Let there be no confusion in the public mind henceforth. The Christian Science Parent Church of the New Generation is the authentic of the so-called "Mother Church" organisation and disclaims all connection therewith. This fact must be universally proclaimed and understood.

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"WILD, WILD SUSAN"

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"Wild, Wild Susan," a Paramount comedy of laughs and thrills starring Bebe Daniels and coming to the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is laid against a background of New York City. The story is an adaptation of "The Wild, Wild Child," by Stewart Emery, and brings Bebe to the screen as a vivacious society girl. Like all girls with pep and leisure, Bebe, as Susan Van Dusen, craves a "career" and seeks out a job as detective and then is assigned to locate the missing son of a wealthy man. Rod La Roque, featured opposite the star, is really the young fellow in question. The plot is exciting, interesting and funny, while the inimitable Bebe will be seen at her best.

"BEN HUR"

THE RETURN OF A FAMOUS FILM

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Recently an interesting and very lively debate was held in the Chinese Students' Literary Association, Singapore, on the question: "Which is more important, duty to the family or duty to the country?" Mr. Lee Ah-kun presiding. Mr. Tan Sim-tek, well supported by Mr. Low Kim-yong, opened the debate ably. Mr. Tan Sdon-kin, the leader for the opposition was supported by Mr. Joseph Chye. A vote taken resulted in the side for the family winning the day by a majority.

BIG HAUL

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Shanghai, Jan. 2. While the family of Mr. H. E. Arnold, a well-known British merchant, were absent from their home in the French Concession celebrating the New Year, robbers entered the house, and after poisoning the dog, they got away with furs and jewellery valued at some \$100,000. No arrests have yet been made.—Reuter.

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TO HONG KONG

THE KING'S ILLNESS

The following telegrams passed
between H.E. the Governor of
Macao and H.E. the Officer Admin-
istering the Government of Hong
Kong on Tuesday and yesterday:
From Governor, Macao to
Governor, Hong Kong.
Wish Your Excellency and the
Colony of Hong Kong the greatest
prosperity in the New Year, 1929,
and the complete restoration of His
Britannic Majesty.
From Governor, Hong Kong to
Governor, Macao.
I am deeply grateful to Your
Excellency for your kind enquiries
and good wishes regarding His
Majesty's health which I regret to
say still causes anxiety, though the
latest information allows us to an-
ticipate His Majesty's gradual re-
storation to complete health. I also
thank Your Excellency for your
New Year greetings and good
wishes to the Colony of Hong Kong
and to myself. They are most
heartily reciprocated. May all
good fortune attend Your Excellency
and the Colony of Macao through-
out 1929 and future years.

POLICE RESERVE

C.S.P.'S OFFICIAL ORDERS FOR
THE WEEK

CHINESE INSPECTION

The Hong Kong Police Reserve
Orders by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
C.M.G., are as follows:
Police Training School
The classes for Police Reservists
will be resumed on Tuesday,
January 8 at 6 p.m.

Squad Drill
All recruits of the Chinese and
Indian Companies and of the Fly-
ing Squad will attend at Central
for Squad Drill, etc. on Thursday,
January 3 at 5.30 p.m. under Ser-
geant P. Condon. Dress—Muffi.
At this parade, an examination will
be held with a view to passing out
those who are efficient in Part I.

Chinese Company
Signalling.—The Signalling Squad
will attend at the Company's Head-
quarters for instruction in Morse
and Semaphore under Mr. R. C.
Wilson on Thursday, January 3 at
6 p.m.

"First Aid to the Injured."
The class for instruction in First
Aid will commence at the Com-
pany's Headquarters on Wednesday,
January 9 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Lec-
turer—Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B.,
Edin., Divisional Surgeon of the
St. John's Ambulance Brigade.
Each member will bring his own
note-book and pencil.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of
the Chinese Company will parade
at Central Police Station on Thurs-
day, January 10 for the monthly
inspection of Arms, Equipment, etc.
by the Company Commander. Fall
in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue
Uniform, Cap with White Cover;
Rifle, Belt, Side-arms, Truncheon,
Whistle, Armet, Badge, "Pocket
Policeman," and Note-Book to be
carried. Those not in possession of
Uniform will attend in Muffi. No
member may be absent from this
parade without leave from the Com-
pany Commander. The Equipment
Officers will make it a point of being
present.

Indian Company
Parade.—The Indian Company
will parade at Police Headquarters
on Tuesday, January 8 for drill
under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall in
at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue
Uniform, Belt and Cap without
cover.

Flying Squad
Strength.—Constable R381 A. E.
Greenway has been permitted to re-
sign upon completing one full
year's service with effect from De-
cember 21.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take
place on Tuesday, January 8. Fall
in at the Tsim-tsa-tai Fire Fire
Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional
patrol of the Hong Kong Section on
Thursday, January 3.

Sharpshooters
Revolver Practice.—Revolver prac-
tice will be carried out at Kennedy
Road Range on Sunday, January 6
at 10 a.m. Members will assemble
at the Range at that time, with
belts and holsters with revolvers.
Uniform optional.

(Signed) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R).
Hong Kong, January 1, 1929.

KOWLOON BRANCH

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terest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	31% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.10
New York	4.85 1/4
Brussels	34.88 1/2
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.08
Milan	92.65 1/2
Berlin	20.39
Stockholm	18.13 1/2
Copenhagen	18.17 1/2
Oslo	18.15 1/2
Vienna	34.45
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	29.75
Lisbon	109 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	808
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 13/32
Bombay	1/16 1/32
Shanghai	Holiday
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver Spot	26 5/16
Silver Forward	26 1/2
—British Wireless Service.	

Silas Robert Harris, silk finisher,
was remanded at Braintree, Essex,
charged with stealing artificial silk
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on remand on similar charges.

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Importance was attached by the leading papers at Home
to this week's developments in China. It shows that interest
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making events to chronicle, there is an abundance of China
news which will make welcome reading, in detail, to people
in other parts of the world.

The Nationalist flag has gone up in Manchuria, indicating
(at least) the nominal extension of unification to outside China.
Proper. The Dbbandment Conference has opened. Mr.
Edwardes has sent in his resignation as officiating Inspector-
General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. His action was
followed by figures showing a record year of revenue, due
to the boom in imports to avoid, as far as possible, the higher
Tariff to come in force on Feb. 1.

The "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly
news budget published in Hong Kong, contains informative
articles and reports concerning these matters.

"Local" news is also fully "covered," among which are
occurrences such as the three Police raids on alleged Com-
munist in the Colony, the sentence to death of a man con-
victed of taking part in the piracy of a British ship, the trouble
among the complement of the British s.s. "Darcolla," and
how Hong Kong spent the remainder of the festive season.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

Sport Columns

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BORDERERS BEAT THE SMALL UNITS

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

There was one First Division football match yesterday, and three in the Midweek League. Results follow:—

Division I.	
K.O.S.B.	5 Small Units 1
Midweek League	
Athletic	7 Lam Long Wan 0
Police	0 Ewo Chinese 0
P.W.D. Chinese	4 Hung Kui S. 1
Midweek League Table	
P. W. D. L. P. S.	
Athletic	11 9 1 1 19
South China	9 6 1 2 13
Lam Long Wan	11 5 2 4 12
P.W.D. Chinese	13 4 3 4 11
Ewo Chinese	11 3 3 5 9
Police	11 3 2 6 8
Hung Kui School	10 1 0 9 2

Kowloon Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI. v. Chinese Athletic on the Hong Kong Club ground on Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.:—Angus, Guest, Pile, Robson, Easterbrook, Hedley, Clemon, Hayes, Spary, Miles, Baldwin. Reserves: Davies and Hast.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. v. Eastern on Caroline Hill ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus, Moore, Hast, White, Nicholls, Blacklock, Hannan, Davies, Moss, Dunnnett, Eastman. Reserves: Waddington, Seddon, King.

Football Referees' Association
The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association will be held at the Chaplains' Hut, Scandal Point, on Friday, at 6 p.m. The committee have arranged for Captain A. W. Austin, M.M., M.C., R.A., to give a lecture on: The Organisation and Administration of Football. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

KING FROST

HOLDS UP SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Yesterday.
*Airdrieonians, Hamilton.
Ayr United 0, Dundee 3.
*Celtic, Queen's Park.
Cowdenbeath 2, Kilmarnock 0.
Hearts 3, Aberdeen 2.
Motherwell 2, Falkirk 1.
Partick Thistle 0, Rangers 1.
St. Johnstone 5, Clyde 0.
*St. Mirren, Raith.
Third Lanark 2, Hibernians 1.
*Games postponed owing to frost.

In the Northern Section of the English League Darlington and Bradford City drew, 3-3.—Reuter.

QUICK WORK

STRIBLING WINS IN A ROUND

Kansas City, Yesterday.
"Young" Stribling knocked out Jack League, of Texas, the heavyweight, with a right cross to the jaw, in the first round of a ten round contest.
Stribling meets Jack Sharkey at Miami Beach on February 27, under the auspices of Tex Rickard. The winner will probably meet Jack Dempsey for the championship.—Reuter's American Service.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. I. Zimmern, D. K. Samy, D. Laing, C. W. Lam, A. P. Gutierrez, L. T. Ride, S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson.

HANKOW "S.A.D.'S"

NOS. 1 & 2 TAKEN OVER BY THE MUNICIPALITY

FOREIGN-HOLDERS-ANXIOUS

Hankow, Yesterday.
The Wu-han Municipality officially took over the administrations of special Administrative Districts Nos. 1 & 2 (the former German and Russian Concessions) yesterday, removing the archives to the native city.

The move is causing considerable anxiety among foreign property-holders, but it was effected with such suddenness that no action was possible by the foreign authorities concerned, though it is expected the matter will be taken up without delay.—Reuter.

Chamber's Protest

Hankow, Yesterday.
The transfer of S.A.D.'s Nos. 1 and 2 has been the subject of a long protest by the Chamber of Commerce.

The ex-British Concession remains as the only Special Administrative District.—British Naval Wireless.

MACDONA PLAYERS

THEATRE ROYAL OPENING ON MONDAY

The Macdonna Players are opening their season of Bernard Shaw's plays at the Theatre Royal on Monday next. The first play is "Pygmalion," the famous comedy.

The Players comprise a splendid aggregation of London artists. Terence O'Brien, who plays principal parts in this Company, has acted for Mr. Charles Macdonna on many previous occasions. In fact, when Mr. Macdonna first organised the above Company, he engaged Mr. O'Brien as his first "John Tanner."

Mr. O'Brien was associated with one of the most successful ventures which has ever visited the Far East—i.e., the Matheson Lang Company—and therefore is no stranger to audiences in India and China. Some of the parts he played in that Company were "Lorenzo," in "The Merchant of Venice," "Laertes" in "Hamlet," "Tybalt" in "Romeo and Juliet," "Brachiano" in "Much Ado about Nothing." He has had very extensive experience in principal parts, having been "leading man" in most of the Repertory Companies in Great Britain, and in all the Repertory Theatres. For example, he was at the Old Vic, playing such parts as—"Othello," "Hamlet," "Petruchio," "Benedict," etc., with Sybil Thorndike.

Some of his other work includes leading parts in Birmingham Repertory Theatre productions in London; notably the first production of "Back to Methuselah," G. B. Shaw's great play which took five nights to perform. He was especially engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to play "Genesis" in the only English production so far of "The Comedian," by Henri Gheon. Also he played for a long time "Oswald" in "Ghosts," in London and in the provinces. He was also one of the leading actors in the first Benson-Shakespeare Company, which visited South Africa, and he has been associated in the London Theatres with Sir Herbert Tree, Arthur Bourchier, Leon M. Lion, Tom Walls, and J. E. Fagan under whose management he played "Orsino" in this manager's production of "Twelfth Night" which holds the record for the longest run this particular Shakespeare play has ever had.

In this present Company Mr. O'Brien will play "John Tanner" in "Man and Superman," "Higgins" in "Pygmalion," "Crofts" in Mrs. Warren's Profession, "Marchbanks" in "Candida," "Louis Dubedat" in "The Doctor's Dilemma," etc.

During the last few years Mr. O'Brien has been playing and producing in London, and finally, this spring he went into management on his own account, and took Strindberg's play "The Father" into the provinces, after its very successful production in London. He looks forward with great pleasure to playing before Far Eastern audiences again.

WOMEN'S SKIRTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Macnamara replied that he could call the coxswain of the launch but he did not think he had a case to answer. He had a lot of authorities to show that his Lordship should enter a non-suit.

Company's Stand

Plaintiff must prove her case beyond reasonable doubt, Mr. Macnamara submitted, she must also prove with reasonable certainty what the cause of the fire was. The mere occurrence of an accident was not proof of negligence. Even if a coal or hot ashes fell from the smokestack, that was not evidence of negligence. It might be absolutely inevitable that such a thing should happen, even if the launch was properly built and manned and the correct kind of coal used. It was just as likely that the fire was caused by a cigarette end or a cigar end thrown overboard from the "Paul Locat."

The company regretted the accident very much but they were taking the point of principle. If the mere happening of an accident was to be construed into a finding of negligence against the company, then it altered the whole of their position with regard to their passengers. The accident, however unfortunate, did not fix any liability on the company unless it was proved that it was due to their negligence.

Neglect Not Proved

Mr. Prior pointed out that everything was under the control of the defendant company.

His Lordship observed that there seemed to be no evidence of negligence as they did not know how the fire occurred.

Mr. Prior submitted that if launches were properly constructed and properly looked after, they would not catch fire.

His Lordship said that it was up to the plaintiff to show that the fire was due to neglect on the part of the company. Even if it was known to have been caused by a spark from the funnel of the launch, he was not sure that he would not require further evidence to show that it was due to some neglect on the part of those in charge of the launch.

The fire might have occurred in other ways and, in the absence of any evidence as to any negligence, he gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

H. H. the Sultan of Perak visited Teluk Anson, and a garden party was given in his honour by Mr. A. S. Haynes, the District Officer. His Highness arrived in Kuala Lumpur for the Turf Club amateur meeting, says the "Malay Mail."

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. W. H. Cochran, General Adviser, Johore, as acting British Resident, Selangor, was notified in a supplement to the F.M.S. Gazette dated Dec. 4.

JUGO-SLAV SPLIT

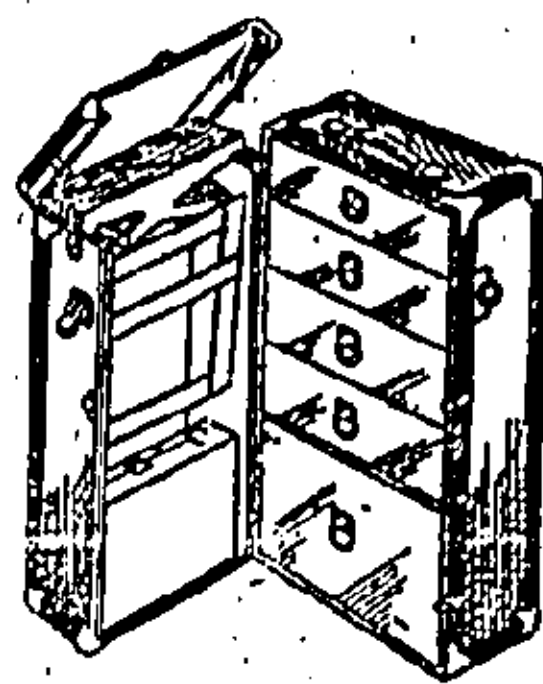
RESIGNATION OF THE COALITION MINISTRY

SERBS AND CROATS

Belgrade, Yesterday.
King Alexander has accepted the resignation of Father Koroshetz's Coalition Ministry, which has split over the Serb-Croat quarrel. The Government favour conciliating the Croats who are now boycotting Parliament, whereas the Radicals and other Coalitionists oppose the conciliation.—Reuter.

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At an average exchange of 2/11 1/16th the revenue in sterling figures amounts to £12,028,000, as compared with £9,684,000 in 1927, when the average exchange was 2/9 13/16ths.

Provincial Details

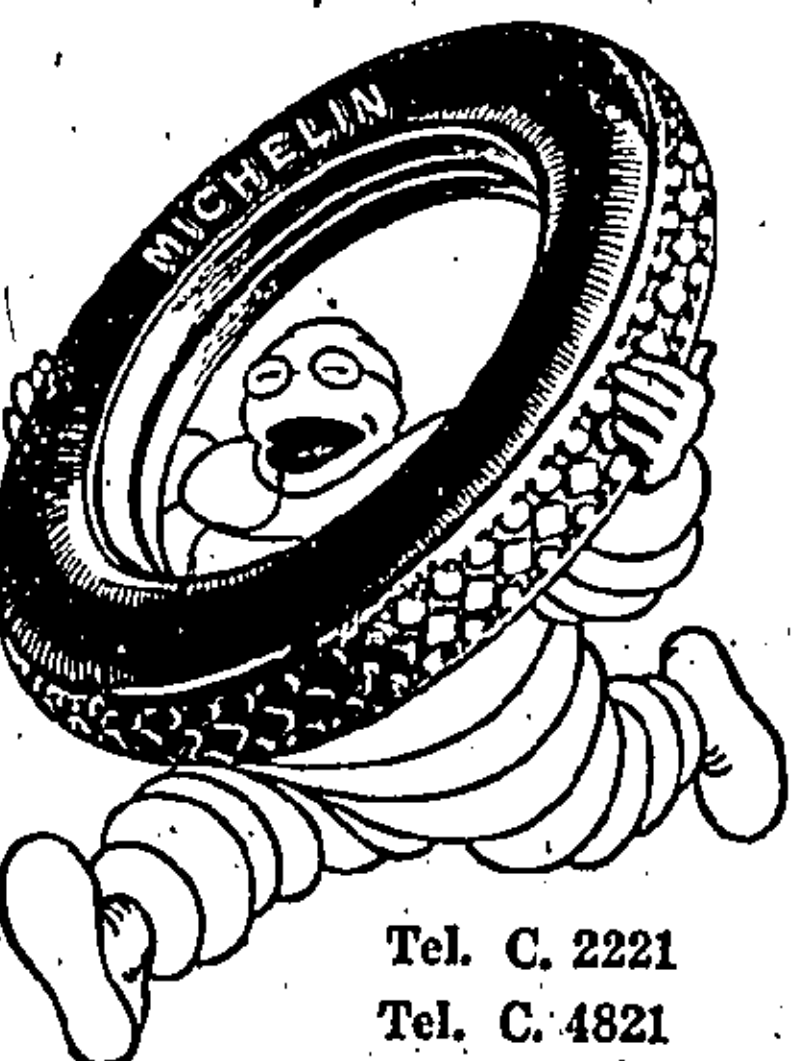
The details of the principal provincial collections are as follows:
Antung.—2,311,000 taels, an increase of 168,000 taels.
Dairen.—8,197,000 taels, an increase of 1,061,000 taels.
Newchwang.—1,184,000 taels, an increase of 194,000 taels.
Tientsin and Chinwan.—9,584,000 taels, an increase of 359,000 taels.

Kiaochow.—3,318,000 taels, an increase of 7,000 taels.
Hankow.—5,117,000 taels, an increase of 2,209,000 taels.
Shanghai.—33,659,000 taels, an increase of 7,978,000 taels.
Swatow.—1,674,000 taels, an increase of 6,000 taels.
Canton.—3,074,000 taels, an increase of 115,000 taels.
Harbin.—2,352,000 taels, a decrease of 16,000 taels.
Amoy.—1,118,000 taels, a decrease of 64,000 taels.

The Native Customs Revenue totaled 3,636,000 taels which was a decrease of 148,000 taels.

The Loan Obligations

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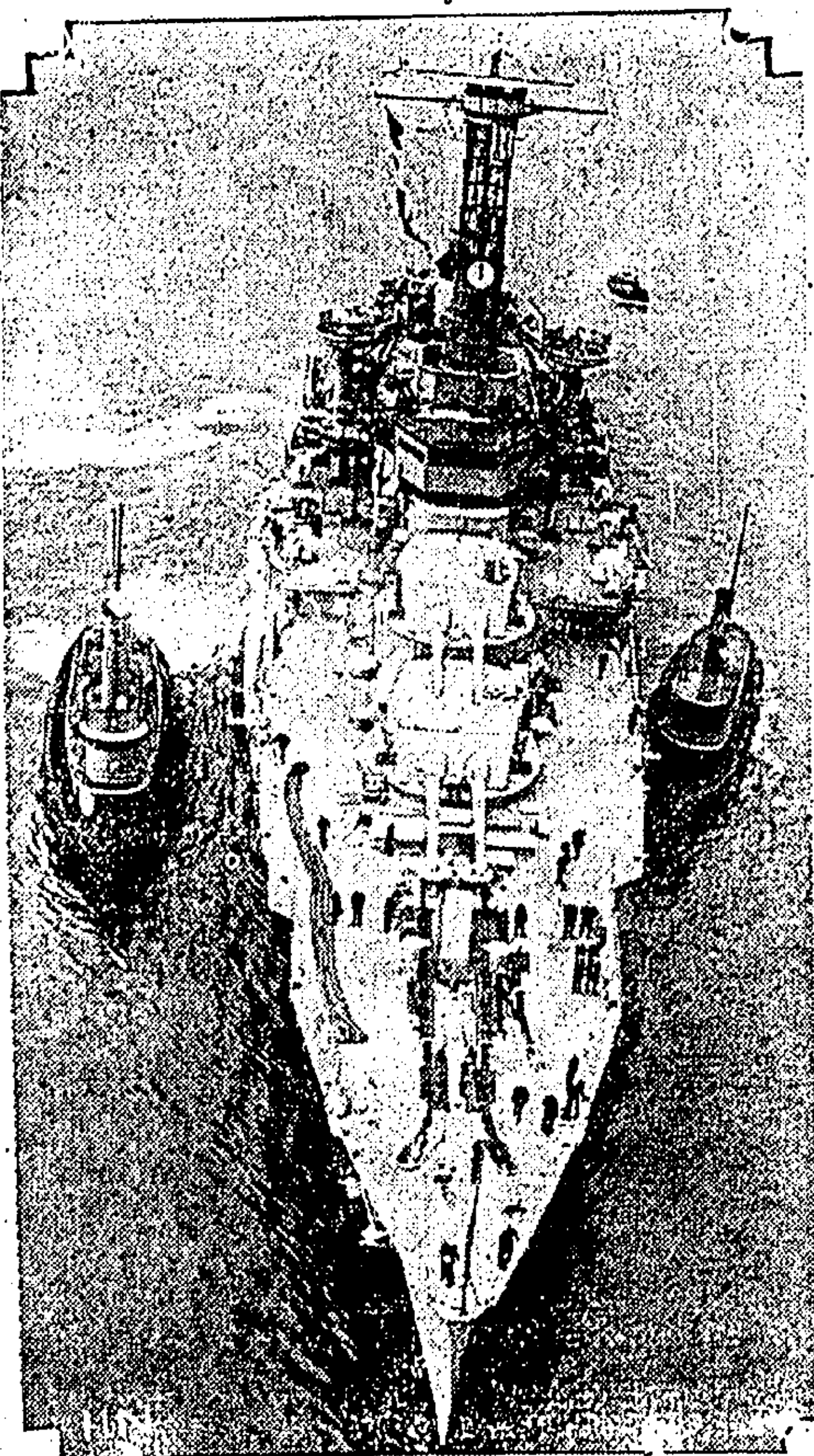
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

First Monthly Concert



This season, for sailors and soldiers of all nationalities at Shanghai was given to a packed house at the Navy Y.M.C.A. when Brigadier G. C. Borrett, O.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C. (commanding the 14th Infantry Brigade and the Shanghai area) representing H.E. the General Officer Commanding, North China (Maj.-Gen. A. E. Wardrop, C.B., C.M.G.), warmly thanked Lt.-Col. Kilgore and the 4th Regimental Band of the U.S. Marine Corps for their delightful music rendered under the able direction of 1st Sgt. M. A. Shaw. The British Choir also took part, singing very well under their conductor, Mr. C. J. van Heyst. (Ah Fong).

An "Elevation" View



A remarkable elevation view of the U.S.S. "Utah" taken as the superdreadnought approached the Brooklyn Navy Yard to be tied up for President-Elect Hoover's "goodwill trip."

One of the "Vestris" Rescues



Taken from the s.s. "Berlin", showing how a woman survivor of the "Vestris" encircled by life preserver, was moved alongside the ship preparatory to being taken aboard. Note the choppy sea which made rescue work perilous for all concerned.

Standard Oil Millions



Millicent Rogers Ramos (above) heiress to some of the Standard Oil millions, who has given birth to a son, who is half-brother to Peter Salm. Inset, Arturo Ramos, the heiress' wealthy Argentine husband, and, above, an artist's idea of how Count Salm von Hoogstraten appeared during his domestic squabbles.

"I Didn't Want to Live"



Crying happy tears, Mrs. Cline Slaughter told her husband she had given him up for lost and wanted to die when it seemed that he was victim of the "Vestris" tragedy. Here they are in each other's arms. Mrs. Slaughter wearing a pair of trousers and sweater belonging to member of a rescuing crew. Inset, close-up of Mrs. Slaughter.

Trip to the Moon!



Mr. M. R. Enault-Pelterie, an English scientist and inventor, who talked of a trip to the moon via the rocket route. Mr. Pelterie, the inventor of the "jou stick" of the aeroplane, went into detail of the method of using a giant rocket for the trip.

Boy King



An unusually fine—and the latest—portrait of King Michel of Roumania, taken on his seventh birthday.

Viscount Cecil



Viscount Cecil, famous for his diplomatic and political work, who has been named as a candidate for the Nobel prize. He was the recipient of the first Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award of £5,000.

Pioneer Aviator



Anthony Fokker, the pioneer aeroplane builder and aviator.

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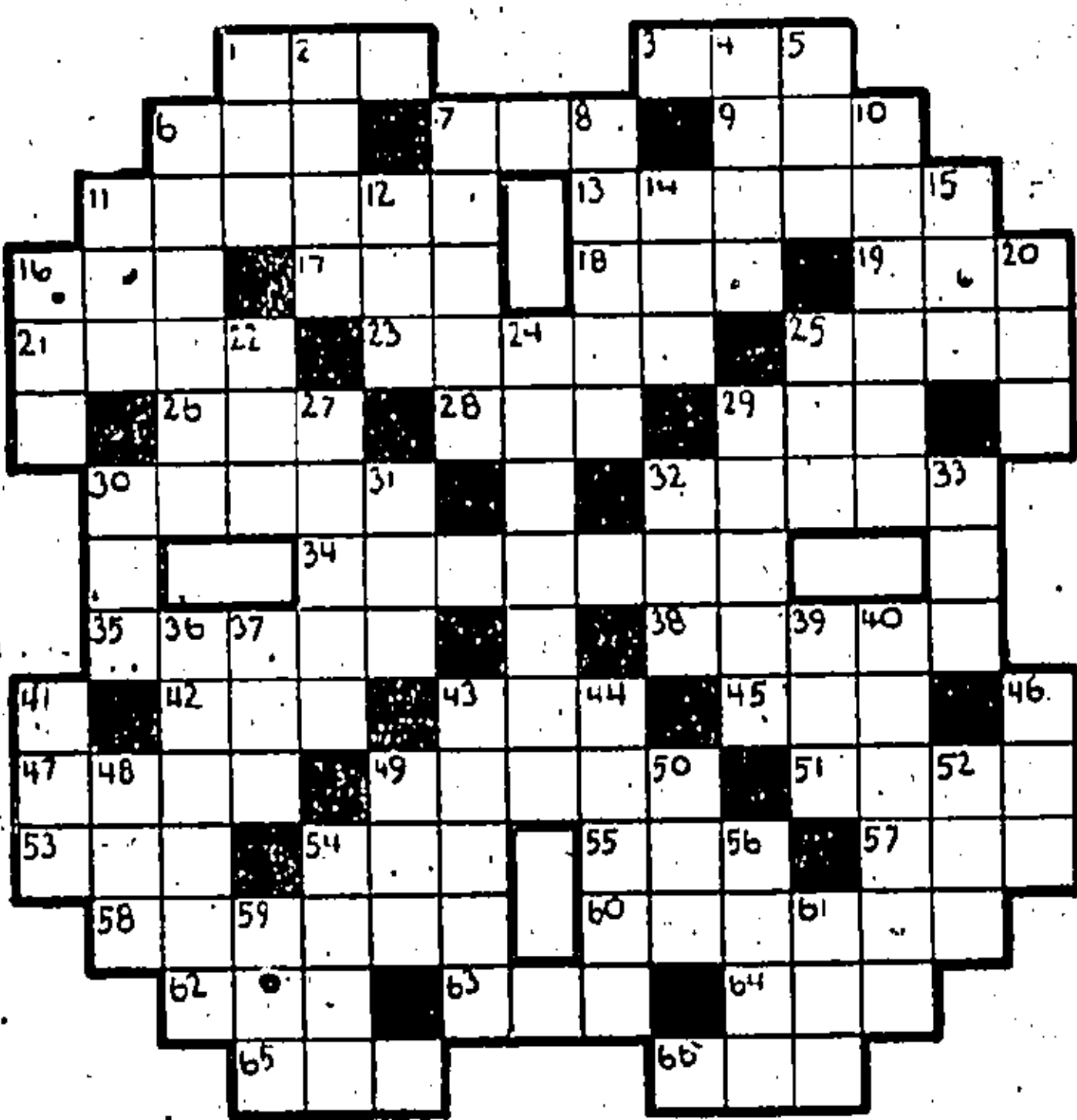
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A Japanese statesman
- 3-Man's name
- 6-An African antelope
- 7-Talk non-sense (verb)
- 9-To incite
- 11-A coast city of Maine
- 12-An expensive device
- 16-To confine
- 17-A mineral spring
- 18-A tree
- 19-Part of the head
- 21-Give's name (verb)
- 23-To divide
- 25-The cup bears of Olympus
- 26-Excessively (adv.)
- 28-Give (German)
- 29-Receipts
- 30-Province N. E. India
- 32-The highest point (pl.)
- 34-Country in Asia
- 35-A county, S. E. England
- 38-An instant
- 42-People (abbr.)
- 43-Twice
- 45-Interjection, Contempt

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-An English tragedian
- 48-A hantu people, W. Africa
- 51-A mountain in Asia (abbr.)
- 53-To sin
- 54-Manner
- 55-A bird of night
- 57-Street (French)
- 59-A Moorish kettle-drum
- 60-Greek personification of vines
- 62-A Norwegian politician
- 63-Word of ascent
- 64-To cry convulsively
- 65-King (Latin)
- 66-Interjection

VERTICAL

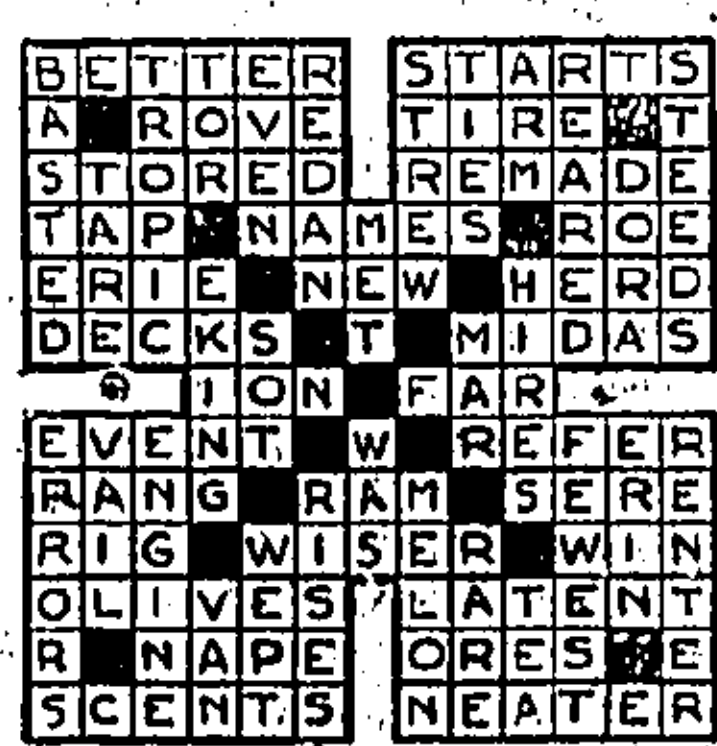
- 1-A hostelry
- 2-Fruit
- 4-A son of Adam
- 5-A Turkish general
- 6-The sacred river of India
- 7-A fruit
- 8-Country of Europe
- 10-Country of highest culture of antiquity
- 11-Chief god of the Babylonians

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-The goddess of plenty
- 14-Established (abbr.)
- 15-To put softly
- 16-Seed case
- 20-A color
- 22-Beast of burden
- 24-Republic on W. coast of Africa
- 25-A son of Noah
- 27-A walk (Spanish)
- 28-A lapped joint
- 30-A malt liquor
- 31-To join in conflict
- 32-A river island
- 33-To observe
- 35-Town in S. Greece
- 37-Japanese coin
- 39-An electrified atom
- 40-An angelic being
- 41-Same as "ache"
- 43-Large of body
- 44-Bull
- 46-Garden implement
- 48-Time period
- 49-Prefix. Through
- 50-Pointed tool
- 52-Wheeled vehicle
- 55-Competent
- 56-Green and fresh
- 59-Swiss river
- 61-Also

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
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The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
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Tai Mo Shan	8124
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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Receiving licences are issued to any person regardless of nationality upon payment of the fee.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme.

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"Out of the Night."

Percy Heming. Baritone.

"The Yeoman's Wedding."

Percy Heming. Baritone.

"Come Unto Him." Messiah.

Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Messiah.

Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"Country Dance." Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Pastoral Dance." Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Ah Moon Of My Delight."

Tudor. Davis. Tenor.

"On Wings Of Song."

Tudor. Davis. Tenor.

Robert Radford. Bass.

"The Sergeant's Song."

Robert Radford. Bass.

"Jenn." John Turner. Tenor.

"Thank God For A Garden."

John Turner. Tenor.

"Deep In My Heart Dear."

Fritz Kreisler.

"Indian Love Call." Fritz Kreisler.

"Spanish Caprice." Rimsky Korsakov.

San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

"Gems from Tip-Toes."

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Gems from Merry-Merry."

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Ay-Ay-Ay." Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Cancion Andaluza."

Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Eili, Eili." (My Lord, My Lord)

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Kol Nidre." (All Vows)

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Tales from the Vienna Woods."

Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

"Brigg Fair." Darius.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Bavarian Dance." Op. 27 Elgar.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Over The Waves." Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

"Danube Waves." Waltz.

International Concert Orchestra.

News Bulletin.

Dance Music.

God Save The King.

Close Down.

A return of Chinese deck passengers who left Singapore for China during November shows that the total number was 12,515, compared with 16,069. The total number leaving Singapore up to the end of November was 136,935 compared with 142,531 for the whole of 1927.

A return of the Chinese immigrants arriving at Singapore up to the end of November shows a total of 15,887, against 21,240 for the corresponding month last year; the totals for 1928 up to the end of November being 278,163 and for the whole of 1927 366,722.

Seven Nationalist members left Ulster Parliament, Belfast, as a protest against the suspension of seven members of the Opposition.

BEGGING PEST

MAN POSING AS COUSIN OF PROFESSOR

ENERGETIC BISHOP

Dr. F. C. Burkitt, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University, is being pestered by a professional beggar who is trying to obtain money from various people on the pretext of being his cousin.

Dr. Burkitt wishes to warn people through "The Daily Mail" against this man, who calls himself John Birkitt and alleges that he is an ex-soldier who fought in Mesopotamia. Dr. Burkitt said to a reporter that twice he had helped Birkitt with gifts of money, and added:

A few days ago I received a telegram from Wells, in Somerset, saying, "Please send money to Wells Post Office, Somerset—John."

I took no notice of it, and on the following day I received a letter from my friend the Bishop of Bath and Wells warning me against this man.

He had apparently called upon the bishop and begged for money. He showed the bishop a letter which I had written him wishing him luck, and he told the bishop that he was a cousin of mine. The bishop, however, quickly realised that he was a fraud and turned him out.



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EFFECT OF COMBINES ON THE BRITISH PRESS

WHAT THE ECONOMIST SAYS

In its latest issue the "Economist" publishes an extremely interesting article on the contemporary British Press and the consequences of the present rivalry between various interests in bringing newspaper properties under one control.

The article traces the development of a "trustified" Press from the death of Lord Northcliffe in 1922, and thus comments upon the facts.

"Unlike the founder of the 'Daily Mail,' who had something of an artist's love for the productions of his restless genius, the post-war controllers of the greatest Press combines appear to have aimed partly at 'power,' but predominantly at commercial profit. With a few notable exceptions the British Press consists no longer of 'organs of opinion.' If its direct influence on public policy and thought is small—as we believe it to be—one reason is that the men who have obtained the largest measure of control over this powerful weapon have to a very large extent been mastered by the colossal they have created and have been compelled to give first heed to commercial considerations rather than the advancement of any moral or political purpose."

The Reader's Feelings

"To the readers of a quarter of a century ago the daily newspaper of his choice had the intimate quality of a personality. It is a quality unsensed to-day by the reader, who inevitably feels—like he never so securely 'registered'—that he is but a cipher in the seven-figure 'net sales' certificate whereby one unit of a combine's 'multiple' Press seeks to expand its advertisement revenue."

"While the developments we have traced are the inevitable result of modern methods of newspaper production, nevertheless, from the aspect of the public interest, there is little in the development of the Press combines to admire and much to regret. Alike in the competitive antics of some of our noisiest dailies and weeklies, in the frank avowal of Mr. Harrison that he buys journals to find a market for paper, and in the manner in which the Berrys and Lord Rothermere have bought up to-day a Liberal, to-morrow a Tory, newspaper, there is an underlying cynicism which is repugnant to the best traditions of British journalism, tends to give colour to the belief that democracy is 'up against' a solidly hostile 'Capitalist Press,' and undoubtedly weakens the influence of the newspaper as a factor in the formation of right opinion."

MR. REGGIE DENNY

MARRIED TO HIS FORMER LEADING LADY

Hollywood. — Mr. Reggie Denny, the British-born film star, was married recently at Beverly Hills to Miss Isabelle Steffles, who was formerly his leading lady, and is known as "Bubbles."

Mr. Denny received the final decree of divorce from his first wife, Irene Haisman, the day before the ceremony.

Mr. Denny was formerly in an English opera company and he served in the war with the Royal Flying Corps. He lived in London in poverty and had to work his passage to the United States, where he found fame and fortune.

The first Mrs. Denny was granted the custody of their child and alimony of £50 a week. "British United Press."

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Unlike last year, Buick is now known as the Master Six on three different wheelbases. The smallest model has a wheelbase of a shade under 116 inches, the next 121 inches, and the third 129 inches, and they are thus known respectively as series 116, 121, 129.

Series 116 has a bore of 3 5-16ths ins. and a stroke of 4 5-8ths ins., giving a piston displacement of 239.1 cubic inches, and an R.A.C. rating of 26.33 horse-power. The brake horsepower is 74 and 2,800 r.p.m.

Series 121 and 129 have the same power unit, viz., a bore of 5-8ths ins., and a stroke of five inches, giving a piston displacement of 309.6 cubic inches and an R.A.C. rating of 31.54 h.p. and 91 brake horse-power at 2,750 r.p.m. In each case, however, the compression is the same—4.3 to one.

It is claimed for these new Buick models that there has been a tremendous increase in power. This has resulted in lightning acceleration, greater speed, and fine hill-climbing ability.

To many motorists these will be the outstanding features about the "Silver Anniversary" Buick, but the makers claim that performance typifies, rather than sums up, the points of superiority of this new Buick over previous models. Unquestionably the cars have a greater beauty and provide more comfort and luxury.

Larger Car

From the brief specifications just given it will be seen that the new Buick valve-in-head six cylinder engine is larger than the previous ones. This does not imply merely a greater bore and stroke, but the camshaft and valve mechanism have been improved, as also has the intake manifold and the fuel supply system which now incorporates a petrol pump instead of the vacuum system. The carburetion is better, and crankshaft, piston pins and connecting rods are all larger, and the main bearings are now steel backed.

Every unit of the car has been advanced equally with the engine. The chassis itself is stronger, and is built of heavier gauge steel. Cross members have not only been made more sturdy but have been increased in number. The transmission, clutch and universal joint have all shared in this strengthening process to cope with the increased power and speed, and it is interesting to note that the extra sturdiness in the components has been obtained by the use of stronger and more expensive material rather than by increase in weight.

Side View

One of the most interesting mechanical developments is the incorporation of the petrol pump. This, as stated before, eliminates the vacuum tank and ensures a proper fuel supply to the engine even under exceptional conditions, such as climbing long grades with the throttle open, or at high speeds for a long distance. The pump is mechanically driven and is simple in operation.

These mechanical advancements are in accord with the improved lines and the enhanced appearance of the bodies. From every angle the "Silver Anniversary" Buick presents a new and distinctly individual appearance. From the front, one notices the deep radiator, the new radiator cap, large one-piece fenders, distinctive headlamps with chrome plated posts, the cowl lamps and other pleasing details.

The side view is equally pleasing. The long, low lines are made possible by the Buick double-drop frame. The new front and rear fenders, twin fender wells for two spare tyres, the massive wheels and tyres, the polished running board binding, the sun visor and the deep rounded body and roof lines form an attractive ensemble. Even from the rear the "Silver Anniversary" Buick has a decidedly impressive appearance. The body is 2 inches wider, which gives the car a lower appearance, and the rear end of the frame and petrol tank are completely covered. A handsome new combination stop, back-up, and tail lamp is balanced by a convenient new petrol tank filler.

There is more head and seating room in the new Buicks. Rear

seats are two inches wider, which provides ample room for three passengers. Across the front, too, the bodies are wider, giving added vision. All the closed models have adjustable driver's seat, operated by a simple turn of the handle, so that it is not necessary for driver or passenger to move while the seat is being adjusted. There is a new instrument panel, longer and more convenient operating levers, a new accelerator foot rest and a new steering wheel. Rich upholstery and carpets are set off by new design body hardware that makes the interiors of the cars equally as distinctive as the exteriors.

All the "Silver Anniversary" Buicks have been the same uniform design. They differ only in wheelbase and engine size. Otherwise they are identical engine size. Otherwise they are identical. Every one embodies the same basic principles, every one shares in the advancements.

Basic Buick Features Retained

Another important point to remember is that while interest is now centred on these important new developments, the "Silver Anniversary" retains the past features of previous models. It is powered by the Buick valve-in-head six-cylinder engine. It has the Buick counterbalanced crankshaft; the Buick crankcase ventilator, that eliminates oil dilution; the triple seals for the engine; air cleaner, petrol strainer, and oil filter; rubber mountings for the engine; automatic carburettor heat control; the multiple disc clutch; the torque tube drive; the sealed chassis, protected at every angle against water and other foreign matter; the floating type rear axle; the double-drop frame; the four-wheel brakes and the Buick cantilever rear springs.

FUEL WASTE

Neglect of lubrication is the cause of much waste of petrol in privately owned cars. A labouring engine, it will be readily understood, makes unduly heavy calls on the fuel supply.

It is not possible for the ordinary passenger car user to tune up his machine to its maximum capacity, but he can watch the points upon which the expert tuner relies for efficiency, and by this means can keep the machine in reasonably good working order. With poor compression, the motor cannot develop full power, and if the cylinders are scored there will be excessive oil consumption. Badly fitting piston rings or valves or leaks around the spark plugs militate against full engine power. Much is to be gained by adjusting the valve tappets correctly. It is necessary to keep the crank case oil fresh, and care must be taken to get only oil of a suitable grade. If the cooling system is not kept clean it will not only weaken the efficiency of the engine and cause over-heating, but failure of a correct mixture in the carburettor will follow, causing late firing.

CARRYING A FUNNEL

Useful as it may be to carry a small petrol funnel on the car, many owners do not do so on account of the difficulty of accommodating one in the tool locker.

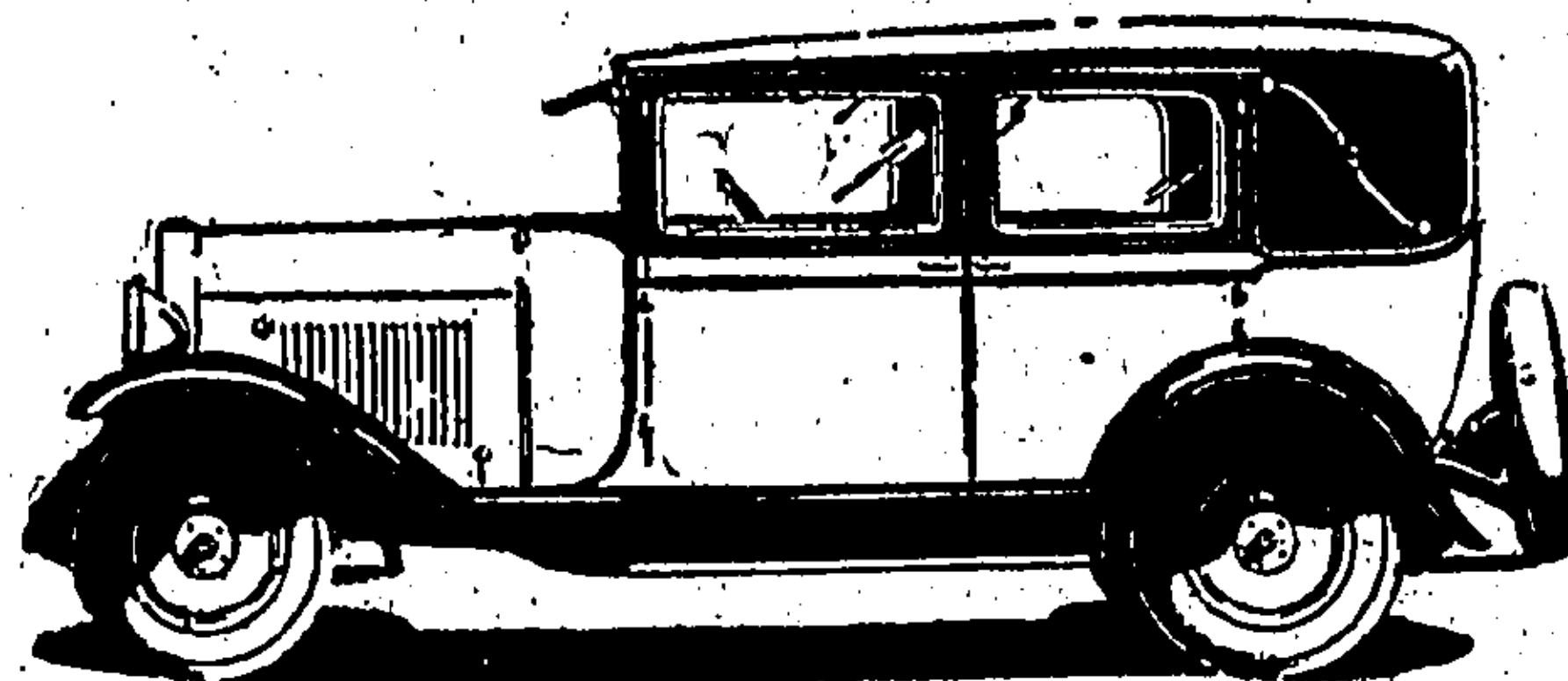
An excellent plan is to clip the funnel to the front of the dashboard, where it is not likely to be damaged and will be quite out of the way until wanted. A strip of sheet metal should be soldered on to the edge of the funnel and bent over. A second metal strip may then be bent to receive the first and secured to the dash, whilst a short leather strap, also attached by means of screws, should be arranged to accommodate the nozzle of the funnel. The idea is quite simple to carry out, and the materials needed are usually to be found lying about in the average private owner's garage.

LOOSE LAMP BULBS

It is sometimes found that head and side lamp bulbs are a loose fit in their sockets with the result that the lamps "blink" owing to road vibration causing imperfect contact.

The trouble may be remedied by adding small blobs of solder to the metal contacts on the bases of the bulbs. Bulbs of the double-contact type have two metal studs on the base, and when the solder is added care must be taken that electrical connection is not made between the two studs. After adding the solder it should be "fired down" until the spring contacts of the lampholder bear with a firm pressure on the metal studs of the bulb.

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The best way is to carry out a dress rehearsal the day before starting. It will inevitably be found that there isn't room for everything, and a revision of luggage arrangements on the morning of the start is irksome.

First, it is better to make a list of the things which each member of the party wants to take, as many separate lists as there are members. There will be barely room for essentials; in fact, any articles or garments which are not vitally necessary from day to day are better sent on by train to some large town through which it will be necessary to pass within a day or so of a given date. At these halts soiled linen and so forth can be sent home. Several such towns, suitably spaced through the rough itinerary, can be selected.

Various ills can be caused by unsanitary packing. If the rear carrier is overloaded, the car will be heavy and uncertain to steer, and even dangerously unstable on loose or greasy surfaces.

On the other hand, trunks, suitcases, or worse still—haphazard parcels carried in the interior of the car will seriously interfere with the comfort of the passengers.

Anything in the nature of restriction of movement of the feet or arms is fatal to full enjoyment, and it is really wise not to carry the car's somnolent complement of passengers. A five-seater with only three aboard leaves just that little latitude which makes all the difference. Luggage exposed on the rear carrier should be protected from rain and dust by waterproof sheeting.

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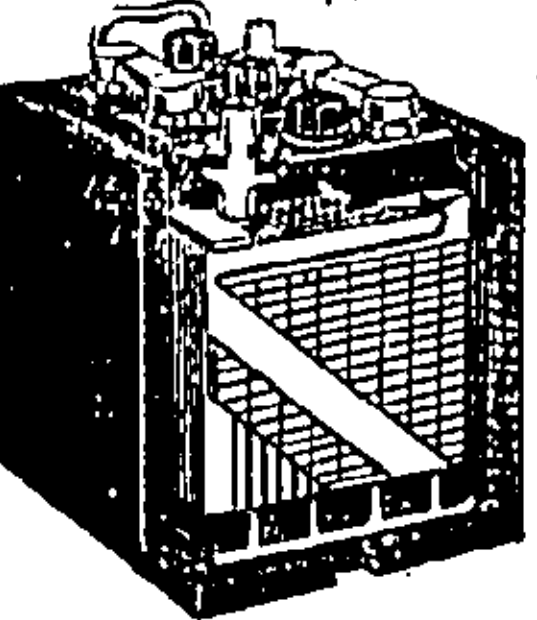
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OIL

WHEN IT IS THINNED DOWN

Periodic drainage of the oil reservoir is one of the most important details in the efficient operation of a car. Upon examination of the old oil in the crankcase you will probably find that it has been thinned in use. Chemical analysis would show the presence of a varying percentage of fuel (motor spirit), depending chiefly upon the way your car is operated, the length of time the oil has been allowed to remain in the crankcase, and the condition of the engine.

In making use of the carburettor choke valve to start the engine, a large amount of fuel is drawn into the manifold and cylinders. Only the lighter and very volatile portions of this evaporate to form the explosive mixture. Part of the remaining liquid fuel mixes with the lubricant on the cylinder walls, and works down by the rings on the compression stroke, escaping into the crankcase and diluting the oil there. The remainder, and by far the larger part, is blown out through the exhaust and is wasted.

When the liquid fuel has mixed with the lubricant oil on the cylinder walls and in the crankcase the body and lubricating value of the oil are decreased, practically in proportion to the amount of fuel present.

Hence the necessity for draining the crankcase.

If your car is new, drain the crankcase after the first 250 miles of travel. Thereafter drain every 1,000 miles during summer and every 500 miles during winter.

When draining of the crankcase oil is neglected to winter weather, serious trouble may also result from an accumulation of sludge, which may cover up screens or stop up the oil lines or drillings, cutting off the oil supply and causing burnt oil bearings.

On commercial vehicles drain every 750 miles in summer and every 500 miles in winter.

SILENCER

The Automobile Club of Germany, and the General German Automobile Club have joined in establishing a prize competition for the best mufflers or silencers for motor cycles and automobiles. Three prizes will be granted in each of three categories: For mufflers for two-cycle motors for motor cycles, 10,000, 5,000 and 1,000 marks, and for four-cycle motors for automobiles, 8,000, 3,000 and 1,000 marks. Notification was sent not later than Dec. 1 to the "Deutscher Schalldämpfer-Wettbewerb," Landgrafenstrasse 18, Berlin, S. W. 62, where all particulars of the contest can also be obtained. The contest is open to makers of mufflers in all countries. Delivery of entries must be made between February 1 and May 1, 1929.

CLUTCH CARE

Intelligent use by drivers of the clutch can do more to lengthen its life than good construction in the factory. Proper engaging and disengaging at the correct time, and intelligent use of the gear-shift, will materially lengthen its activity period. Never drive with the foot poised on the clutch pedal, for this tends to keep the clutch partially disengaged, encourages slipping, and damages the clutch through overheating. Never "slip" the clutch to aid the engine in pulling over a hill in top gear.

Never coast with the clutch out until certain that it is fully disengaged, and the engine is idling. If the clutch is disengaged, the ammeter should show discharge. Considerable damage can be done to the transmission, clutch, universals, and differential by coasting down-hill with the clutch disengaged, especially if engaged suddenly after the car has gained momentum. Never race the engine and engage the clutch when the rear wheels are caught in mud and sand.

It is easy to tell when a clutch is grabbing, but if it slips, most motorists seem unaware of their plight. To test for slipping, simply set the emergency brake, and let the clutch in slowly while the engine is running, and the gears are in low. The engine should stall instantly if the clutch is right. Most clutches now have a simple adjustment to increase the clutch plate or disc pressure as slipping develops.

KING'S NEW CAR

His Majesty the King has recently acquired a new car, his fifth in twenty years. The Royal cars are so well kept that they are fit for duty many years after they have been discarded. The new car is all British with a "double-six" engine and is painted in the usual dark crimson. As is well known, the King's cars carry no number plates, a purple light on top indicating the identity of the Royal Motorist.

exact distance.) These towers are fitted with red and green lights and the traffic "cops" take their cue from them. When no policeman is on duty the traffic in the streets (which run at right angles to the avenues) takes its cue from the traffic in the avenues.

Outside of New York many methods are used. For example, in Washington there is first of all the plain policeman with his whistle and his white gloves—not to mention his chequered gum, his ready tongue, a freely-displayed truncheon and that significant, though hardly perceptible, bulge under his jacket. Then there is the same gentleman armed with a long pole fitted into a revolving base and on top of which is a sign having the words "Go" and "Stop" printed on it in appropriate colours. At night time this arrangement is supplemented by a lamp fitted with coloured lenses which is fixed on top of the pole.

TRAFFIC IN U.S.A.

THE CAR-TEST IN COLUMBIA
NEVER GARAGED

One car to every three persons! That is the amazing claim made for the State of Columbia—a little patch of land measuring (originally) ten miles by ten, wherein no one votes and wherein is built America's beautiful capital city of Washington. Three persons to every one car! This is the situation in Washington—wherein I resided recently for six months, writes a correspondent.

When one first arrives in Washington one gets the impression that there must be a race or a carnival in progress, or something of an equally exciting nature, to bring out cars in thousands. For, day and night, the streets are lined with cars—yes, by night, too, for there are thousands upon thousands of cars which have never seen the inside of a garage since the first day they were put into service. They stand like faithful steeds outside their masters' houses.

There is no way adequately to describe the feeling of amazement with which one first sees car after car parked one behind the other before house after house and down street after street. Here and there will be a break in the long lines to allow the regulation distance from a fire-plug to be observed, or to allow the streets to intersect, or to make way for a private entrance for vehicles. The regulations as to parking are very strict and every vehicle must be parked facing in the direction in which it would normally be travelling—you will not see two parked cars facing one another in America. In the one-way streets traffic may sometimes park on both sides, but it must then all point in the one direction. The queerest experience I had was to drive down a fairly lone one-way street between two long rows of cars with just enough room for my car to squeeze through—it was like driving to a race meeting, except that it was about eleven o'clock at night.

Superb Control
Parking space is also regulated by means of notices which prohibit parking at certain hours, or in certain places, or ever altogether. Business houses may obtain police notices reserving them a certain section of the pavement. During the day it is the down-town sections of the town which are crowded (and this "day" extends until after theatre time), but at night the congestion shifts more to the suburbs. The difficulties of obtaining parking room are so great that it is actually no advantage to use a car at certain times of the day for town purposes. Many a time during my residence in Washington I have ridden four blocks to a theatre and have had to go three blocks the other way to find parking space; this is sheer waste of time and money in the ordinary way.

One would think that, with such a crush of traffic, driving would be an absolute impossibility. Not so. American traffic control is such that the difficulties are considerably smoothed out. The police act with plenty of "pep" and they are armed with powers which they do not hesitate to use if occasion demands. I found then "good" about the whole, nevertheless.

Few Pedestrians
The police are supplemented with such contrivances as automatic signals, one-way streets, all one-way squares, and so forth, all of which contribute to traffic efficiency. So far as the police are concerned John Brown the motorist seems to be quite distinct from the same John Brown when a pedestrian; the average American traffic "cop" does not treat the motorist with the same consideration as he does the pedestrian, a fact which is not to be wondered at, considering how he is harassed by the former.

In Washington the pedestrian is getting to be rather a rare avis, and I have noticed that in America generally the man in the street treats the traffic with considerably more respect than he does in other countries. Pedestrians do not often take chances. Those who do are candidates for elimination in this merry illustration of the "survival of the fittest"—"fittest" being synonymous with "wary" in this case. "Jay-walking" is not a healthy pastime in America to-day. In New York I saw a monument erected to the memory of pedestrians who had been killed by taxicabs; on it was a plate on which the number of deaths recorded to date was given—anything to inspire the people to be cautious.

Speaking of traffic control, each town employs various methods, although the same general tendency is noticeable in them all. In New York the main thoroughfares like Fifth Avenue, are installed with towers in the middle of the street, and situated at intervals of every five or six blocks. (I forget the (Continued at foot of preceding column.)

17-50 H.P. FIAT

VALUABLE MACHINE FOR TOWN WORK
ON THE ROAD

For those who require a quiet, smooth, town-carriage type of car at a reasonable price, the new 17-50 h.p. six-cylinder Fiat will particularly appeal. The car is not exceptionally fast, but the section of the motoring community which requires this type of vehicle does not usually regard high speed as being an asset. A curious point is that, even so, the Fiat can keep up a round pace and a high average; it can, indeed, be driven rather faster than the normal rate of traffic even on the best of the main arterial roads, without showing any sign of distress or giving evidence that the engine is overworking, the best running speed being between 35 and 40 m.p.h.

For town work the machine is admirable, the engine being smooth—at one time almost completely silent—and flexible from about 10 m.p.h. upwards. As in the case of other Fiat models, the gear ratios, particularly top speed, tend to be low, an arrangement which possesses the advantage that most of the day's work can be done on top gear only; acceleration on top in traffic is very good, as the table shows.

Quiet Gears

The gears are reasonably quiet and are easy to handle, the steering gear has a low ratio so that the big machine can be manoeuvred easily in a confined space, and the suspension allows the car to ride easily over rough roads—as befits an Italian machine—especially when fully loaded. When running light, or at low speed, the springs are a little hard. On the indirect gears there is just about the usual amount of noise, no more, no less, and on first the car should be able "to climb the side of a house," as the saying runs. Certainly on a 1 in 7½ gradient there is plenty of throttle in reserve, even on second gear. Then, again, the gas distribution is good, there being no flat spot in the throttle range, even while the car is accelerated from a walking pace on top gear by opening the throttle suddenly to the full.

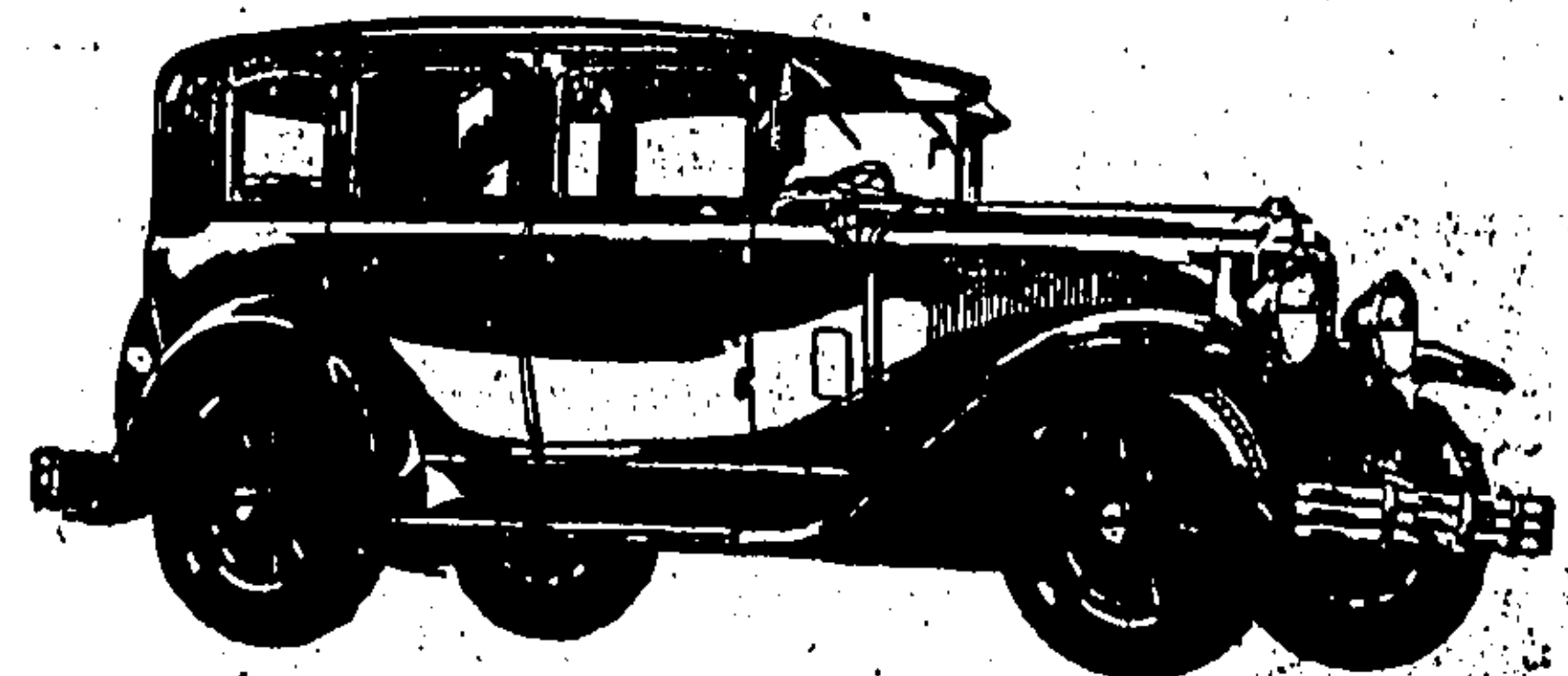
The brake actuation in inter-brake. When the car is first taken over one can well imagine that the brakes are operated by a very powerful form of mechanical servo motor. Actually there is no servo motor, but the brake shoes at the rear have a self-wrapping action and the actuating mechanism is very powerful. As a result, the car can be stopped in an extraordinarily short distance, but the driver should use the pedal carefully at low speeds until he has become accustomed to the car, otherwise the wheels are liable to lock suddenly.

Four Wide Doors
The standard fabric saloon is very comfortable and quiet; it gives an ample view all round, since there are three lights on each side, while the rear window is of considerable size. The body has seats wide enough for all requirements, the front cushion being 3ft. 8in. across and the rear cushion 3ft. 6in. In addition, there is a very comfortable foot rest for the rear passengers, while the front seat can be adjusted fore and aft and the rake of the squab altered to suit the driver's tastes. It is convenient, also, to have four wide doors, three of which can be locked with the ordinary trigger mechanism, while the fourth has a key lock, so that with the windows raised and the doors locked the car cannot be moved by unauthorised persons when parked. In addition, the gear lever can be locked in neutral and the ignition switch can be locked in the off position.

Concerning Equipment
The speedometer looks a little as though it had been added to the car as an extra, and surely a machine of this calibre should have a trip meter as well as a total mileage recorder. Also an internal light and some form of roof ventilator would be worth having, since the car becomes a little stuffy with the windows up, and it is inclined to be draughty, if both the driving compartment windows are lowered. The single-panel engine starts easily when cold, and windscreens can be raised sufficiently to ventilate the interior of the car thoroughly, but there are many occasions when this form of ventilation is not so convenient.

It is obvious that the side lights have been added to the equipment to comply with the lighting laws of Britain; the extra "dimming" bulbs in the head-lamps are for Continental use. These dimmer bulbs come into operation when a convenient control on the centre of the steering wheel is used, but the future owner should remember that for town work it is better to move the main lighting switch, cutting water is apt to get into the magneto, a cure can usually be effected by smearing vaseline or very thick grease around the edges of the contact breaker, and distributor covers. The seating compound should also be smeared around the parts where the high-tension cables enter the distributor casing.

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Also wash out the plug body with petrol and scrape away any carbon deposit you may find. When you reassemble the parts take care to set the points correctly; if your car has coil ignition, the gap should be .03 in., but with a magneto it is smaller, namely, .02 in. Make sure, also, that the gland nut is screwed home tightly.

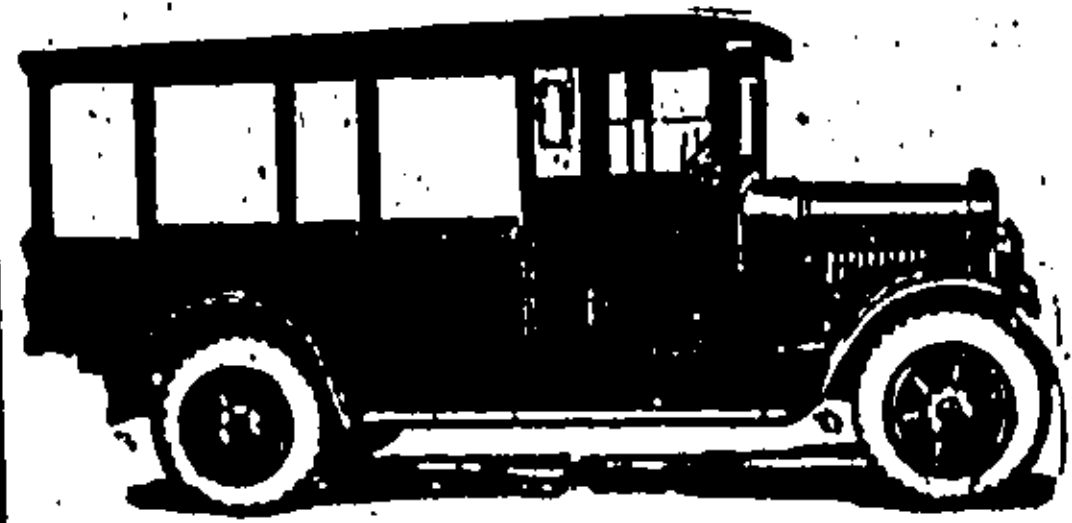
In the U.S.A. more than 55 per cent. of the cars are owned in towns of ten thousand inhabitants or under.

TIMELY ACROBATICS

An Italian doctor was crossing a railway line at Monstebelluna when his engine stopped as an express train from Padua came in sight. Turning sideways in his seat, he placed his hands on the steering wheel and somersaulted over the rail. The train struck the car and reduced it to fragments, but the acrobatic doctor was only bruised, and remarked, "Who can say I have never saved a life?" Probably, too, he congratulated himself on the fact that he was not driving a saloon!

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"FLU" EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

ALL OVER COUNTRY

500,000 CASES ALREADY REPORTED

ALSO SLEEPY SICKNESS

New York, Yesterday.

An influenza epidemic is sweeping the country, and over half-a-million cases have already been reported.

The health authorities, who were already very busy are further alarmed by the discovery that a number of cases of influenza have been followed by sleepy sickness. —Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH AVIATION

A NEW LIGHT PLANE INVENTED

INTERCHANGEABLE WINGS

London, Jan. 1.

A new type of machine has been added to the series of British light aeroplanes, and it marks an interesting development in the production of British aircraft.

The machine has been designed by Mr. Simmonds, who was formerly on the technical staff of the constructors of the well-known Supermarine Southampton Flyingboats, and has been named the Simmonds Spartan.

The whole of the first batch of twelve machines has been ordered, and the first machine will be sent to America on Thursday.

Australia has ordered three for private owners, one is going to South Africa, more are booked for the United States and the remainder are for home purchasers.

The main claim for the new machine is in the method of making all wings interchangeable and also such parts as ailerons, elevators, rudder, tail piece, fin and flying wires.

The basis of this construction is the use of symmetrical wing sections, and although it has always been considered that they have certain disadvantages compared with the more usual wing with different camber top and bottom the designer of the Spartan claims that the particular section he has evolved compares well with those used on other light aircraft.

The engine is the Cirrus mark III which is a development of the type already widely circulated over the world. It maximum speed is stated to be 103 miles an hour. —British Wireless Service.

AFGHANISTAN

AMANULLAH PAYING LIBERAL COMPENSATION

London, Jan. 1.

It is learned that messages are now arriving in London with fair regularity from the British Legation at Kabul, but they hardly refer to the situation in Afghanistan, but mainly relate to plans for the evacuation of foreign nationals, which the British Government has undertaken.

Evacuation is not yet complete, though efforts have met with great success.

It is surmised that all serious fighting between the Government troops and the rebels has been suspended owing to the severity of the wintry conditions.

A message from Peshawar states that King Amanullah has rewarded his troops at Kabul with two months' extra pay for their repulse of the rebels, and the King has also increased the pay of his bodyguard from fourteen to twenty rupees per month. It also appears that villages have been liberally compensated for losses due to the rebel raids.

Another rebel concentration is improbable before the spring, owing to the severe cold in Kabul.

The Afghan Legation in London to-day stated that all fighting has ceased and that peace negotiations are now proceeding. It is hoped that the country will soon return to normal.

The Legation denies recent reports that a section of the Army has revolted, and expresses the opinion that the foreign women and children who have been evacuated by the British R.A.F. machines, will probably be able to return to Kabul shortly. —Reuter.

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APPOINTMENTS

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Paris, Yesterday.

M. Lucien Saint, Resident General of Tunisia, has been appointed Resident General of Morocco, and M. Manceron, Prefet of Moselle, Resident of Tunisia. —Havas.

OH, ARE YOU!

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police to send up someone "who understood things."

The witness was refused entrance to the house until the arrival of Sub-Inspector Logan. After witness had produced the warrant to the Inspector and explained matters, the latter told witness to carry on with his duty, and together they went to the roof of the servants' quarters where they found the green wild wood.

Replying to Mr. Andrews, Mr. Carr said that the wood found on the roof was green and of similar nature to the stumps he had found in the plantation, and must have been cut within a week. Most of the wood on the roof appeared to be split wild tree trunks.

The defendant was away from the house at the time of the search so the witness waited for him. When the defendant came at about 3.45 p.m., the witness heard the head foreman question him. Witness heard the accused admit that the wood found on the roof was his, and that he had cut it from the hillside above the house. Defendant was then taken into custody.

Questions
Answering Mr. Andrews, the witness said that the area of Col. Bird's property was 50 feet all round the house, and most of the 40 old stumps the witness saw were outside this circumference.

Questioned by Mr. Andrews as to how he knew the boundary of Col. Bird's property, Mr. Carr said that 50 feet was the usual area on the Peak. Witness admitted, however, that he had not been to the Land Office to verify his estimate.

When defendant was asked if he had any questions to put to Mr. Carr, Mrs. Bird started to ask something, when the Magistrate remarked that he could not allow questions from her.

The defendant repeated his statement that he had only cut boughs which overhung the garden.

Mr. Lindsell then said that if the defendant's employer had any question to suggest she could put them through Mr. Andrews.

Mrs. Bird replied that she had no questions to ask. She explained that she had been asked to question Mr. Carr. She did not understand the procedure of the Court.

Two Witnesses

After the head foreman had corroborated Mr. Carr's evidence that defendant admitted that he had cut the wood from a pine plantation outside the garden, defendant elected to call the house coolie and assistant house coolie, who, he claimed, knew how he came by the wood. Defendant further denied that he had said anything about the pine plantation, but told the head foreman what he had told the Court.

The head foreman was emphatic that defendant did not say that he had merely cut overhanging boughs, whereupon the Magistrate gave a remark until to-morrow morning for the attendance of the defendant's two witnesses. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$50.

TRANSPORT BACK

H.M.'s transport "Neuralia" with the 2nd Batt. the "Suffolk" Regt. (bound for India) and half of the 1st Batt. the Northampton Regt. (bound for Malta) both being units in the North China Command, arrived here this morning from Shanghai, en route for the destinations mentioned.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Paris, Yesterday.

The Duc Dayen, one of the directors of the "Interpresse," indicted on a charge of swindling and abuse of confidence, interrogated by the examining magistrate in the gazette du Franc case, described his business relations with Madame Hannu.

It is alleged that Dayen fictitiously subscribed for shares in various undertakings under her auspices for the sum of 1,830,000 francs.

Dayen has been left provisionally at liberty. —Reuter.

SIR CHAS. MACARA

ONE OF LANCASHIRE'S "COTTON KINGS"

DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

London, Yesterday.

Sir Charles Macara, the well-known cotton magnate, died to-day at his home at Altrincham, Cheshire, aged nearly 83. He was recognised all over the world as one of the "Kings of the cotton industry."

"Despite his age, he had applied his wisdom and experience since the war to grappling with the troubles of Lancashire."

He was Chairman of the Provisional Emergency Cotton Committee set up in 1922. From 1892 to 1926 he was Chairman of the Manchester Cotton Employers' Association and, from 1894 to 1914 President of English Federation of Master Cotton Spinners.

Outside his business sphere Sir Charles Macara was prominently identified with the National Lifeboat movement. —British Wireless Service.

REPARATIONS

GERMANY PAYING UP

Berlin, Jan. 1.

Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments, says in the Fourth Annuity Year report that Germany has again made all payments required of her, namely 1,750,000,000 gold marks, loyally and punctually.

The British share is 373,250,000 marks, of which 13,000,000 marks is used for the expenses of the British Army of Occupation in the Rhineland Zones.

France's share is 1,000,000,000 marks of which 50,000,000 marks is devoted to the service of the French Army on the Rhine.

Germany's Finances

Mr. Parker Gilbert, reporting on Germany's financial position generally, again draws attention to the sweeping increases in official salaries and pensions, and the continuing drain of the financial settlement between the Reich and the States Communes.

In connection with this latter arrangement, Mr. Gilbert declares that the German Government by taking practical steps to protect its own budget, can save hundreds of millions of marks.

He adds: There can be no question of the ability of the budget of the Reich to provide the full amount of its standard contribution under the experts' plan, namely 2,600,000,000 gold marks in the year 1928-29.

It is announced that Sir Josiah Stamp, who was one of the British representatives on the Dawes Commission, and Lord Revelstoke, who is a director of the Bank of England, have been appointed to act as the British representatives on the Committee of Experts which is to go into the problem of reparations.

Mr. Gilbert Unpopular

Berlin, Yesterday.
Mr. Parker Gilbert is in no wise popular since the publication of his annual report portraying a rosy condition in the German economic situation, which the newspapers unanimously affirm was not justified and unfair because it was likely to create an erroneous impression in the minds of the new Commission of Experts. —Reuter.

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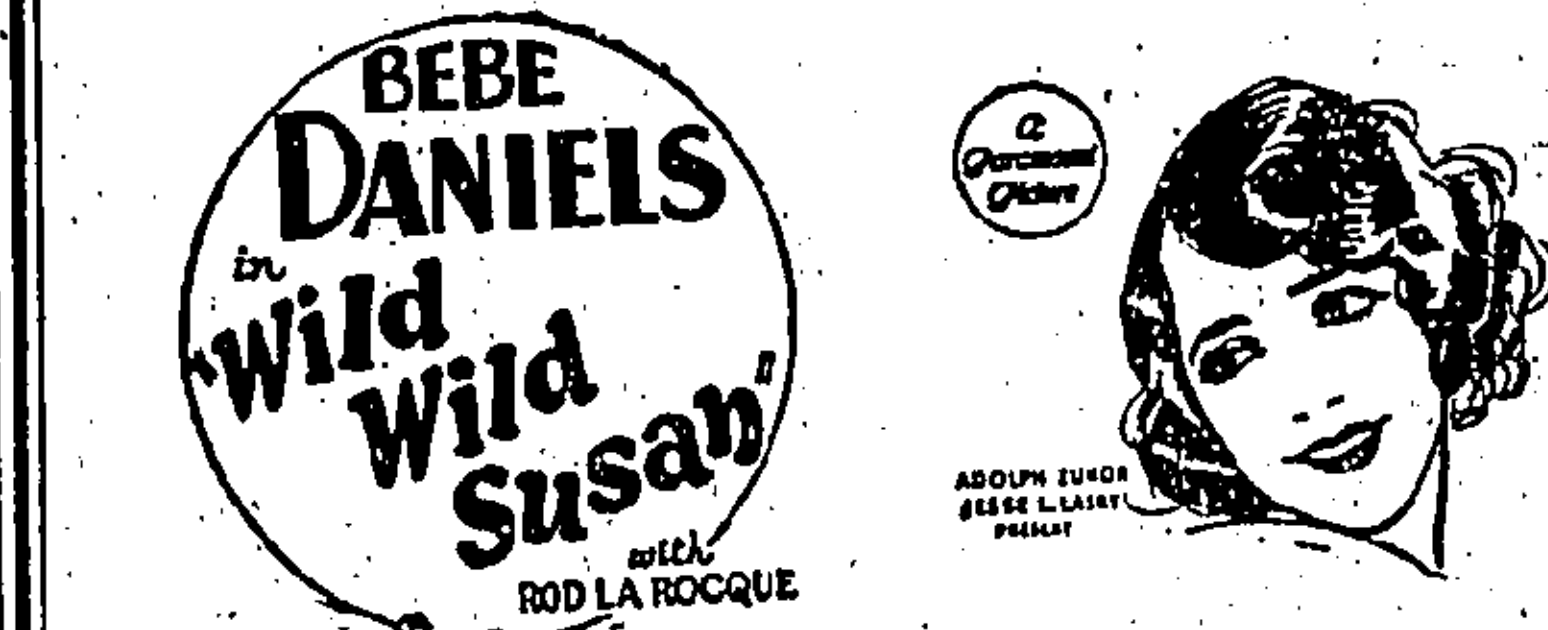
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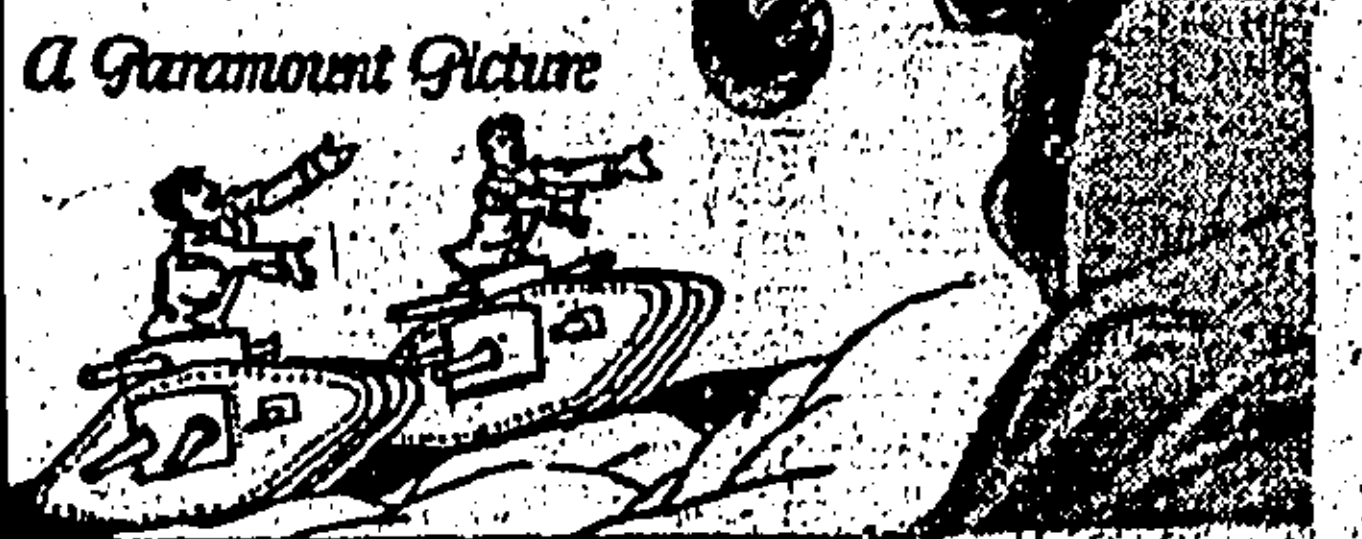
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